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AFTER THE BATTLE

Some are found bleeding and sore, while others have a fit of the blues. Now if there should be any so unfortunate as to suffer from the effects of accidents we have the Balm for their pains and aches, let it be either for man or beast.

Our liniment and powders for horses or cattle are always the best.

Our medicines are pure and always get there. The prices are right, too.

Our patent medicine department is supplied with all the standard remedies and we can supply your on short notice.

Our toilet and fancy goods department we keep up to the times.

Our Prescription department receives our closest attention and all calls answered day or night. Just touch the button. In fact we are here to do business and serve the public.

M. A. ROCKWELL,
THE PHARMACIST,
EMPORIUM, PA.

Ladies' AND Children's



COATS AND CAPES



Are being sold regardless of cost.

Keep your eye on this space. We will have something more to say later.

M. C. TULIS.

Thoughts of Long Ago.

E. T. Daugherty, who is attending law school at Carlisle, Pa., was a PRESS visitor last week, while enroute to Pittsburg to visit with his mother before returning to school. When in town he called to see the PRESS and extend the compliments of the season. While chatting with us he pulled from his pocket a copy of the American Volunteer, published at Carlisle, and handed it to us for perusal. The paper at once brought to our mind a little incident that took place in the Fremont-Buchanan campaign when we were only a small boy. In that day political parties were even warmer than at the present time and the organization of the Republican party rallied to its standard many young men. As if only yesterday, we remember that in the parlor of our home hung a large and beautiful picture of James Buchanan and it did not seem proper to us to allow it to remain there, so we stole quietly into the room and taking a rosewood cane that stood behind the door, proceeded to demolish the unsavory likeness of him who afterwards proved to be one of the most unpopular Presidents ever chosen to preside over the destinies of the Nation. After completing this job we purchased a flag and proceeded at once to the old Volunteer office and had Gen. Fremont's name printed in black type across the flag and marched proudly down Hanover street for home, feeling that we were on the right track and with the greatest party the world had ever produced. Our flag soon attracted other boys and ere the day passed we had the satisfaction of seeing many of our playmates imbued with the same feeling. Of course we felt that that election would be decided by the flag bearers and that we were the whole thing. The boys siding with the Democratic party soon organized and attempted to haul down our flags, but they failed, just as other men, all with the Democratic party, attempted four years later, but the party, the loyal party of the Nation, stood grandly by the flag and, aided by the loyal Democrats, most of whom ever after allied themselves with the Republican party, and saved this glorious country. While not desiring to be egotistical the thoughts of those boyhood incidents of this day are very pleasant to remember and the sight of this old journal, established in 1814, brought this little incident to our mind, and many others that occurred in those stormy days, when the life of our Nation was rapidly nearing the danger line. From the day we carried the Fremont flag to this, we have labored for that party, that grand party of principles, and shall so continue, no doubt, as long as its principles are those founded by the old Pathfinders of '56.

Social Events.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fry entertained a party of young people New Year's evening, in honor of their son, Harry M. Fry, who has recently returned from New Mexico, where he is engaged in business. Harry's many Emporium friends are pleased to greet him and glad to know he is prospering.

Miss Abbie Metzger and a number of invited friends assembled at her home Sunday evening and "watched" the old year pass away and cheerfully greeted the new.

The Masonic Banquet at the Warner House, Dec. 27th, was very largely attended, there being one hundred and thirty-four Masons and their ladies present. Previous to the banquet the gentlemen entertained the ladies at the lodge room, a compliment seldom bestowed. After enjoying an hour of social chat, Hon. I. K. Hockley, the retiring Past Master, was presented by M. L. Larrabee, Esq., on behalf of Emporium Lodge, No. 382, the jewels of a Past Master. Mr. Hockley in accepting tendered his thanks. Remarks were also made by Past Master Mr. Geo. Metzger, Sr., one of the oldest and best posted members of the fraternity. At nine o'clock all repaired to the banquet hall, and after devouring the good things prepared by mine host Warner, the two hours of toasting were indulged in. Appropriate remarks were made by many of the brothers present—there being so many that space will not allow us to allude to individuals. Many Masons and their wives attended from Driftwood, Ridgway and other points.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale by L. Taggart, 104-12-13.

Sudden Deaths.

CHARLES HOUT, an old resident of Emporium, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. He retired in his usual health Monday night, arising at 3:30 a. m., and placed wood in the stove. His wife discovered that he was dead. Dr. Baker, Coroner, was called and pronounced heart failure the cause of his death. No inquest was held.

Chas. Hout was in his 81st year and has been a resident of Emporium for many years. His remains will be taken to St. Marys this evening for burial, the funeral to take place on Friday.

HERRICK.

MISS ELLA HERRICK, aged 44, died at Battle Creek, Mich., Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1900. Miss Herrick has been an invalid for two years and went to the Sanitarium to receive treatment for paralysis. The news of her sudden death is a great shock to her immediate family and friends. Her remains arrived at Sterling Run to-day. The funeral will take place Friday, at 1:00 o'clock, from the family residence.

Miss Herrick served two terms as Supt. of schools in this county and afterwards accepted a position as one of the instructors in Lock Haven Normal, when her health failed her. The family certainly have the sympathy of our citizens.

RHINEHART.

HERMAN RHINEHART, aged 57, died at Commercial Hotel, in Emporium, early this (Thursday) morning, of pneumonia. Deceased has been a citizen of Emporium for many years. His funeral takes place on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Several years ago he separated from his wife and his children were placed in the Catholic Home at Erie.

BRIEF MENTION.

Write it 1900.
Now get in your ice.
Keep the ice from your walks.
Plenty of snow and elegant sleighing.
It is reported that ex-Sheriff Hamilton and Miss Conable were married last month.

Consular reports indicate that the United States leads all other nations in its export trade with Russia.

The Hooks ball last Monday evening was the most pleasant ever given by this popular organization. Jameson's orchestra was simply out of sight.

Benj. Egan left on Tuesday for eastern cities to purchase an up-to-date hearse, and the latest patterns in furniture, for Emporium Furniture Co.

There will be an auction of Artists' proofs of celebrated paintings at library rooms, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. This will be an opportunity to secure some handsome pictures at bargains.

The Holiday trade in Emporium was the best in several years. Our advertisers all speak in flattering terms of the marked improvement over recent years.

In Emporium there are 64 widows and of this number all but nine were presented with a turkey for their Christmas dinner. The nine ladies certainly would have been remembered had they sent their names to the PRESS. We hope and believe all received the favor in the proper light—as a mark of respect and not charity.

The Trustees of the Methodist Church are preparing to heat with coal and expect to have a warm church next Sunday which has not been the case for several weeks on account of the insufficiency of gas. The protracted meetings, which were abandoned this week on account of a cold church, will be held next week.

The Austin Autograph, in speaking of the death of Harry Crawford, who was roasted alive at the furnace at this place, says: "Crawford was probably as extensively acquainted as any 'hick' that ever wore calk shoes. Few people who have ever worked in the bark woods of Pennsylvania but what knew him. When overtaken by his horrible death, he was on his way to Davis, W. Va., and had not met with the bath of molten ore he would have departed from Emporium on the 5:30 a. m. freight south. Crawford's worse fate was drink, and it was impossible for him to work very many days without having a little batter. He had just broken all his previous records for industriousness by working steadily for 23 days, to enable him to raise a 'stake' on which to make his journey southward."

Glee Club.

All members of the Glee Club are earnestly requested to meet at I. K. Hockley's, Friday evening at 8 o'clock for rehearsal.

Hand Smashed.

We regret to hear that Atwood, son of our old friend G. W. VanLew, at DuBois, met with an accident while coupling cars on the R. & P. R. R. His right hand had to be amputated.

Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' institute will be held at Emporium, Jan. 12th and 13th, and at Driftwood, Jan. 15th. Our citizens generally should attend these sessions, for they are of great benefit to all. This year's program will be very interesting.

Early Closing.

Commencing Jan'y 1st, 1900 to April 1st, the merchants of Emporium are closing their stores at 8 o'clock. We kindly ask the public to make their purchases before that hour to give both employer and employee a little outing.

Fire Department Election.

The annual department election took place Tuesday evening and resulted in the election of the following officers: Chief, S. E. Murray; Asst. Chief, Dr. F. C. Rieck; Secretary and Treasurer, Josiah Howard. All members present had a smoker after business hours.

Little Tricxie.

The musical melo-drama at the opera house, one night only, Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 1900, is full of hearty interest, startling scenes and sensational climaxes. It is a novelty in the way of musical performances, bright, sparkling music, good dancers, pretty girls and a host of novelties in Little Tricxie. Reserved seats on sale at H. S. Lloyd's next Wednesday.

Board Bill Jumper.

Last Sunday a woodsman named Alec McKillopp, who had contracted a bill of \$17.65 with John L. Johnson, at the Central House, skipped out. Mr. Johnson quietly took out a warrant and placed it in the hands of Constable Harry Hemphill, who boarded a train for Lock Haven and there awaited the arrival of the smart Alec, who turned up on Tuesday, and nabbed him. The board jumper settled the bill and costs, amounting to \$30.00. When Constable Hemphill gets after a violator of the law he might as well throw up his hands.

Three Fires.

Last Sunday evening about 8 o'clock a fire alarm was sounded which proved to be the Cottage Hotel. A defective flue caused all the trouble, and while it looked as though the building was doomed, at first sight, yet the fire ladies soon extinguished the flames, doing little damage. Only two of our four companies, Mountaineer and Hooks, were called out.

About six o'clock Tuesday morning, the watchman employed at C. B. Howard & Company's store, discovered what would have proven serious in a very few moments. One of the gas stoves had ignited the floor, caused by a leak in the gas pipe near the stove and when the watchman entered the floor was badly scorched. The fire was subdued and no damage to speak of was the result.

At 1:30 Tuesday morning the fire whistles aroused our citizens from their warm beds. This time the fire proved to be John Costello's barn, connected with his hotel. The building was quietly consumed, burning a cow and a two year old heifer together with the contents. The Citizens Hose Co., was called out. This is the third fire in a week and we hope the "spell" may be broken for some time.

New County Officers.

On Monday, the new county officials were sworn in and took possession of their offices, viz: Sheriff, J. D. Swope, succeeded Frank Mundy, who has made one of the most efficient Sheriffs the county has ever known; A. F. Vogt, E. W. Gaskill and A. W. Mason, County Commissioners, the latter gentleman succeeding Chas. Gleason; Wm. H. Logue, C. L. Butler and Michael Brennan, County Auditors, the two last named gentlemen succeeding A. L. Ensign and I. K. Hockley.

The County Commissioners organized by electing A. F. Vogt, Chairman, I. K. Hockley was elected Commissioners' Clerk, to succeed Franklin Housler, who has very creditably filled the position for six years. Mr. Hockley is in every way qualified for the office and we believe will give entire satisfaction to the public. Messrs. Green and Shaffer were re-elected County Solicitors for the ensuing year. George Barker, who has efficiently filled the position of Janitor for three years, was re-elected. The PRESS extends its best wishes to the new officers, and thanks, in behalf of the people, the retiring officials for the faithful performance of their duties.

Gardeau.

Brocky Connors has moved to Cowley Run.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hackenberg spent the holidays at Erie.

Mr. John Paymet is on the sick list but is improving.

Miss Florence Parker is visiting friends at Port Allegany.

Miss Louise Pickett visited friends at Granere.

The wood contractors are making good use of the sleighing.

E. G. Ross, of Grenere, was seen on our streets on Christmas.

Mrs. Stella Phillips spent the holidays with her husband at Grenere.

Miss Carrie Pickett, of Emporium, spent Christmas with her mother.

Henry Bowen, of Grenere, passed the holidays with his parents at this place.

Mrs. Maggie Kehoe, of Tyler, Clearfield county, has been visiting friends here.

The Seven Day Advents are contemplating holding a series of meetings at this place this winter.

Some of our boys as well as men are wearing black eyes. They say they were Christmas presents.

Just ask Mrs. Lou Strum and Miss Florence Parker what it was that was marked "handle with care," on the Xmas tree.

Some one was mean enough to take a pair of shoes from the Xmas tree on Saturday evening. They were placed on the tree for a poor lady. We would like to see them returned.

Mr. Armstrong, of the Clarion Mills, of Johnsonburg made us a call one day last week and purchased the right of way across Parker farm, and now we can boast of another railroad in the near future.

At a regular review of Gardeau Hive, No. 99, L. O. T. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past Commander, Mrs. H. W. Martindale; Commander, Mrs. Lou Strum; Lieut. Com. Margaret McDowell; Record Keeper, Jennie Earl; Finance Keeper, Mrs. Martindale; Sergeant, Sarah Ayers; Prelate, Mary Covert; Mistress at Arms, Miss Hannah Rolf; Sentinel, Maud Kelt; Pickett, Kate Husten.

DICK TURPIN.

Sizerville.

The ice saw is heard on our mill ponds and Dick Turpin is boss of the job.

The blowing air of yesterday and today make one think where they "blew in" their summer's earnings.

N. R. Covell is taking his holiday vacation at the Bradford hospital. Norman's health is very poor.

H. C. Crawford is putting in from 70,000 to 80,000 feet of logs to his mill daily. He will have much more stock than last season.

It being Jan'y 1st, we understand some have sworn off and some sworn in. No doubt the latter will remain the most steadfast.

We received a call from our old friend L. E. Gibbs, of Goodyear on Saturday. He is the same hustling apostol of mortality. Call again, L. E.

Mrs. D. Burlingame is seriously ill at her home with typhoid pneumonia with grave apprehension as to her recovery. Dr. Baker is the attending physician.

Charlie Weller tells us "dem Panquits by de Varner House 'ish in sight instead of out," and says, "dat Blum he is a corker, and after all a good fellah, because he's a Tuchmen's".

Santa Claus and St. Nic have come and gone. They kindly remembered every person in the place in some way or other. Their annual visits are greatly appreciated, especially among the little folks.

OLD KIT.

Sinnemahoning.

Died, at the home of his parents, on Christmas morning, Neal Bushor, aged 16 years, one month and sixteen days. Neal was a bright boy, popular with his associates and the idol of his heart-broken parents, who have the sympathy of the entire community in this the darkest period of their lives. Funeral was held from the home of J. Y. Smith and family on the 27th. Rev. Piper of M. E. church officiated.

With the acquisition of electric lights and a telephone system, our little town is putting on more city airs than a Normal school graduate. You can now order a pair of shoes or a first-class letter from Pap Blodgett, by telephone, and rest assured that the venerable expert can furnish either or both at short notice.

J. E. Speaker, our dandy blacksmith is kept pretty busy nowadays sharpening the understanding of the equine population. In addition to being an accomplished disciple of Vulcan Joe is a prize member of the S. L. Club.

Rev. M. C. Piper and Miss Sue Dunlap were married at the M. E. parsonage on Dec 27th by Rev. Pennypacker of Williamsport. Your scribe, in common with the host of other friends of the reverend gentleman, extends hearty congratulations and wish the happy couple a prosperous and brilliant future.

The friends and relatives of Joe M. Shafer have but little cause for encouragement over the patient's condition which has become quite serious.

Mr. Orrin Krebs was taken to the hospital at Williamsport last week to undergo a second operation on his head which was injured when he was a babe and troubled him ever since.

Walter, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Losey, died on the 19th of December, of diphtheria. This is

the fourth case of this dread disease that has terminated fatally here, but at present the disease seems to be abating with but one or two cases now reported and they not of a malignant character, so it is hoped the crisis has been reached.

JOE.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Big bargain's in winter clothing at N. Seger's.

Do you know what Pratt's Food is? Go ask the progressive Grocery house, DAY'S.

Never again will you have the chance to receive such bargains as are now being given at our store.

N. SEGER.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—On account of ill health, I wish to sell or rent my farm. Address, L. G. Cook, Emporium, Pa.

New Styles in furniture daily arriving at the Emporium Furniture Co. All goods now in stock, and arriving are all of the 19th century styles and up-to-date.

All the most stylish patterns in furniture at the Emporium Furniture Company. New goods coming daily and you can't afford to pass by.

We want good, fresh eggs. Do you want to furnish them? You can do so by giving your poultry proper care and furnishing them with the material to make the eggs. We can help you.

DAY'S.

HAVE you tried that new arrival of apple butter? Its good. Its clean and wholesome. Tastes just like "what mother used to make." 12c. lb., 3 lb. stone paid 25c. We are confident it will please.

DAY'S.

N. Seger has determined to make a clean sweep of all winter goods at prices never before heard of in this county. Now is your opportunity to save money.

LADIES! clean your kid gloves with Miller's Glove, for sale only by Balcom & Lloyd, headquarters for kid gloves and the famous Dartmouth gloves; all the latest shades. 5-ly

THE preaching services at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Rich Valley will be held every Sunday evening the rest of the winter, instead of once in two weeks as for some time past. A cordial invitation and hearty welcome is extended to all. Time, 7:30 p. m.

W. READETT, Pastor.

Murry-Torrison.

A very pretty wedding, occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Morrison, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 1899, at 10:00 a. m., the contracting parties being their accomplished daughter Miss BESSIE to Mr. S. EDWARD MURRY, of Emporium. Rev. Shriner, Pastor of M. E. church, in the presence of the immediate family of the bride and groom, and a few intimate friends performed the ceremony. At the appointed hour, to the beautiful strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, rendered by Miss Belle Avery, of Buffalo, N. Y., (niece of the bride) the bridal party entered the parlor and standing under a canopy of evergreen and holly the happy couple were made one for life—a bright and joyous one we hope.

The bride, looking very sweet, was attired in a blue and silk crepon and carried a bouquet of white bridal roses. She was attended by Miss Edith Murry, (sister of the groom) who also looked very attractive in white silk and carried white and pink carnations. The groom wore the conventional black and was attended by his brother, Mr. Geo. Murry, of Buffalo, N. Y. After the usual congratulations the guests retired to the dining room, where a bountiful wedding breakfast was served. The table was beautifully decorated with carnations and holly. Mr. and Mrs. Murry departed on the 1:45 train for Buffalo, Rochester and other points of interest, returning last Thursday and taking up their residence at the home of the groom on third street. The bride is a daughter of one of our most respected families and is a very charming and accomplished young lady, while the groom is one of our enterprising and energetic young business men and son of one of our oldest and most respected townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. David Murry. The PRESS extends its compliments to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Murry and predicts a happy and joyous life of usefulness. May your sorrows never be many.

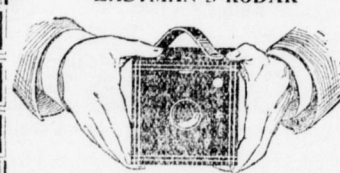
Public Library.

The law office, formerly occupied by B. W. Green, has been rented for the Public Library and Reading Room and the books and papers are now open to the public. A large number of the latest and best books will be added to the library, and arrangements will be made so that the books can be taken out by the citizens of Cameron county, free of charge, for three weeks at a time. A deposit of one dollar will be required of all patrons, the money to be returned upon return of the book.

Council Proceedings.

Regular meeting Borough Council, Emporium, Pa., Jan. 1st, 1900.
Present: Messrs. Schweikart, Shafer, Warner, Catlin, Strayer, Lloyd and Burns. Absent: Messrs. Burke and Palmer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
Moved by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Warner, that C. H. Jessop, Tax Collector, be exonerated from taxes of 1897, in accordance with list submitted by him, said list having been submitted to a committee who reported that same was not collectable. Carried.
Moved by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the following bills be paid. Carried.
Thos. Cavanaugh, work on streets, \$2.25
John Welch, work on streets, 1.50
Moved by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Burns, that petition for sidewalk on Maple street be again taken up. Lost.
Moved by Mr. Shafer, seconded by Mr. Schweikart, that the Secretary of Council procure from the St. Marys Gas Co. a copy of their contract with Emporium Borough. Carried.
On motion the Council then adjourned.
C. JAY GOODNOTCH, Sec'y.

EASTMAN'S KODAK



FRIDAY. Fair most of the day; probably threatening Friday evening.
SATURDAY. Warner; rain in the morning, probably clearing in afternoon.
SUNDAY, and Christmas, Fair weather.

You can carry it in your hands, on your shoulder, in your pocket or on your bicycle. You press the button and the Kodak will do the rest.

LLOYD'S LONG RANGE FORECAST OF THE WEATHER AND EASTMAN'S KODAK.

PLUM-CAKE!

rium, and they seem to be practically a unit in the wish that Santa Claus will do his choosing here.

When you were not thinking of Christmas yet, we baked a plum-cake for Yule-tide. It is very rich; we give you a few slices of it on another page of this week's PRESS, but in order to fully appreciate it you want to visit our store; "seeing is believing."

The little folks all say that its the greatest toy show in Emporium, and they seem to be practically a unit in the wish that Santa Claus will do his choosing here.

HARRY S. LLOYD.

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No local inserted for less than 75 cents per line.

JOB PRINTING.
The Job department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work. PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO LAW PRINTING.
No paper will be discontinued until arrears are paid, except at the option of the publisher.
Papers sent out of the county must be paid for in advance.

The Boss Turkey.

Jack House, belonging to Mrs. H. W. House, of South Bend, Ind., is undoubtedly the largest turkey in the United States, for he weighs 51 pounds, is seven feet from tip to tip of his wings and will combat a strong man like an athlete by flying up and striking with his powerful wings. He is a splendid bird, says the Chicago Evening News, with an opalescent wattle that changes from a vivid vermilion to a bluish white according to his moods. Every feather on his body is a brilliant bronze and his tail is exquisitely tipped with a silver fringe. Mrs. House planned sending him to President McKinley for a Thanksgiving feast, but Jack has won too many honors for his extraordinary size and beauty to be sacrificed for a festive occasion. In Jack's early turkeyhood he was sold on the butcher's block at live-weight rates. Mrs. House saw his possibilities and bought him for seven cents a pound. She clipped his toenails and he became as harmless as a dove. Bronze turkeys are invariably the heaviest, ranging from 20 to 36 pounds, and their flesh is tender and juicy. Narragansetts weigh from 18 to 30 pounds; black 18 to 27; white Holland, 16 to 26; slate, 12 to 27, and the buff, from 10 to 26 pounds. Tons of dressed turkeys are shipped into large cities at holiday time and the buyer may rest assured that every bird has been a source of anxiety to some overworked farmer's wife, for the fowls generally belong to the women. Mrs. House raises hundreds of turkeys every year, but Jack is the banner bird of the nation, as has been proved at many a show east and west of the Mississippi.

Elias Hartz, aged 84, the goose-bone weather prophet, of Reading, Pa., predicts the mildest winter on record. "Sure of it," he says, "never surer of anything in my long life. The coming winter will be no winter at all. This year, to make things sure, I used the breastbones of three geese. The bones were all from geese of last spring. To my great surprise, all were alike in color. I was not so much surprised by that as I was to see them nearly all white. Only the slightest bit of purple could be seen on the tail ends of the bones. This purple indicates cold weather, away off in March probably. All the rest of the bone was white, which shows beyond question that there will be no winter at all. The fact that the three bones indicate exactly the same thing might help to convince people who take no stock in the goose bone as a weather sign; but one bone is enough for me. In the last 50 years in which I have made an annual test, the bone has never failed once. The weather always came to pass as indicated by the goose bone. So you need not expect much snow or ice or cold weather until next March. The winter will be the mildest on record."

Persons owning house dogs hear with dismay the startling things that bacteriologists say about their germ-carrying facilities. It is, however, fairly safe to keep a house dog if it is frequently and properly washed, says an authority on such matters. Dog fanciers will say: "Don't use soap, because the dog will lick it off to his injury in his efforts to dry himself." Notwithstanding this advice, soap should be used, but the dog should be thoroughly sprayed afterwards. What is known to druggists as green soap, which is not a brand of soap, but the name of a chemical compound, is the best cleanser to use for dogs.

Holiday and holy day are essentially one and the same word, yet they have come to mean almost exactly opposite things. Those who celebrate a holiday shun the solemnity of a holy day, while those who worship on a holy day, to wit, the Sabbath, strenuously object to having it turned into a holiday. So great is the contrast between words and the things to which they are applied.

A professor who has made a study of children says he has discovered why the majority of people are right-handed. Infants use both hands until they begin to speak. The motor speech function controls the right side of the body, and the first right-handed motions are expressive motions, tending to help out speech. As speech grows, so grows right-handedness.

GOT TO FIND A BONE.

We've got to hustle every minute. We've got to hustle every minute. We've got to hustle every minute. Or else next year we won't be in it.

If you belong to Bryan's band
Nose around and scratch the sand.
If you belong to Bryan's band
We're hunting for a bone.

"Twixt you and me I really think,
"Twixt you and me I really think,
"Twixt you and me I really think,
Sixteen to one's a blamed thin drink!

If you belong to Bryan's band,
Dig your toenails in the sand!
If you belong to Bryan's band,
We've got to find a bone!

Don't let the grass grow round your feet,
Don't let the grass grow round your feet,
Don't let the grass grow round your feet,
We're absolutely out of meat!

If you belong to Bryan's band
Hunt the alleys, scratch the sand,
If you belong to Bryan's band!
We're lost without a bone!
—Chicago Tribune.

SOUND AND SENSIBLE.

President McKinley Is Opposed to Office-Holders Being Delegates to the National Convention.

President McKinley is stated in a New York dispatch to have intimated to certain republican leaders that he would much prefer that no federal officeholder be chosen a delegate to the next republican national convention. In expressing such a wish the president certainly represents the best sentiment of his party, and it is to be hoped that his request will be respected in all the states. Every state has within its borders plenty of republicans well qualified to represent it in the national convention. None is so barren of suitable material as to be obliged to call upon those whose tenure of federal office may at least give cause for suspecting their impartiality as between possible candidates. Certain gentlemen who enjoy the emoluments of office under the national government will undoubtedly rise up and personally or through the mouths of friends declare that the president is trying to deprive them of one of the rights of citizenship. The argument may sound plausible to the unthinking, but it ignores one of the deencies of politics. A national convention is intended to represent the untrammelled will of the party. Suppose the conduct of a president should be such as to greatly displease the majority of his party. The presence in the convention of men under personal obligation to him may nevertheless procure the renomination of such a president and defeat the will of the majority. There have been such cases, and the fact that such suppression of a party's best judgment has always been followed by defeat at the polls emphasizes the necessity of following the president's advice now.

The national convention is the grand inquest of the party, charged with the duty of formulating the issues on which it will appeal to the people, and with the responsibility of selecting the men who must put into effect policies which the people shall approve at the polls. The national convention must first consider measures, and next men. To permit the presence of delegates under a strong obligation to a particular man is to allow the jury to be packed. Only unreasonable professional civil service reformers ask that in taking public office men shall cease to exercise the ordinary duties of citizenship. Common sense finds no difficulty in drawing the line, and public sentiment now demands that officeholders shall not be allowed direct voice in the choice of their official superior.

President McKinley is already assured of renomination by the republican national convention. He is thus removed from any possible temptation of securing his own success by packing the party grand jury with men under personal obligation to him. He is trying to set a new and better precedent in party management and to end a practice that has always given the opposition ground for criticism, that has often been productive of scandal and dissension and that has sometimes contributed to defeat. The president's request is sound political sense, and the republicans of the several states will do well to observe it. A national convention without federal officeholders as delegates would represent more accurately than has ever before been possible the best judgment of the active members of the party not in office, upon whose energy depends success at the polls. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

COMMENT AND OPINION.

Many democrats who thought Bryan a brilliant opportunity in 1896 look upon him as a crushing necessity for 1900. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Every day brings good news for the republicans. Carl Schurz now threatens to take the stump for the democrats in 1900. —St. Paul Dispatch.

"Ah! money comes hard, nowadays," cried the free silver orator, savagely. He had just presented a check for \$500 and got paid in silver. Crushed 'neath the shame of his country's infamy he staggered to the next lecture platform! —Puck.

Marcus A. Hanna, more than any other man, managed the election of 1896 in success. The conviction of free silver papers "that his continued prominence would be a source of weakness to President McKinley, were the latter renominated," would be pathetic, if it were not transparent. —Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.).

A superstitious democrat points out the fact that Jefferson was defeated in 1796 and elected in 1800. From this he reasons that Bryan will see history repeat itself and become president-elect next year. If the democrats can find consolation in a parallel of that kind there is no reason for withholding it from them. But they are easily satisfied just now and anxious for straws of any kind. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

DISSOLUTION OF DEMOCRATS.

A Party Without a Mission Beyond Creating Public Distrust.

There is a growing conviction in the consciousness of certain of the party leaders in various states that the democratic party is suffering from some mysterious disorder. They detect a falling off in the vote not calculated to sustain confidence in the outcome of future campaigns. Inquiry is being instituted with a hope of getting at the source of evil. The knowledge that there is something radically wrong with the present party management is general, but a multiplicity of diagnoses creates confusion as to the cause and cure.

And yet it is not a matter of difficult solution when intelligently considered. The party that originates nothing in progressive practice and holds lightly all allegiance to established principles, offering naught itself and opposing with unreasoning prejudice all of benefit to humanity and national advancement set forth by others, is without element of cohesion, and, in the very nature of the case fosters division and incites dissolution. Why should the people continue in support of a party policy that not only ignores the doctrines that gave it being, retires the leadership that made it of power, but deliberately and determinedly labors to convulse the industrial, commercial and trade interests of the country, degrade its currency and impoverish its labor?

A party whose mission is the confusing of all these conditions through which comes peaceful employment in profitable pursuits is inimical to the interests of every class of citizenship. It drives capital into hiding and robs labor of employment, silences the hum of industry's wheels, quenches the factory fires and stagnates every avenue of production. The army of industry—the purchaser and the seller, the producer and the consumer, the man who furnishes the means and the man who furnishes the muscle, s, perforce of pure self-defense, responsive to the first law of nature, self-preservation, arrayed against any such party and any such policy.

That is true both as a specific and a general proposition. It applies in the present as it has applied in the past, as it will apply in the future. That has always been against the democratic organization. It is more so now than ever. This, because the policy is urged more pronouncedly now than ever and because the people are becoming more and more awakened to a comprehension of this, its condition. But, in addition, just now there is a further specific reason for democratic disintegration upon a present issue of vital public moment. The loyal people of the greatest republic on earth will support no party that does not sustain the government and the flag when involved in war. Nor will they accept, with feelings of approval, a presidential candidate in declared sympathy with the leader and the movement, in suppression of whose attack upon the flag the sons of America are fighting to the death in the pursuance of a duty that in bravery they may not otherwise discourage and in manhood they may not shrink.

Are not these sufficient reasons for desertion by the voters of the democratic party—a party, as now constituted—that stands for all that is vicious in public policy, bereft of principles and devoid of leadership?

Under Jefferson, its founder, the democratic party became a power and held unbroken mastery for over half a century. So long as it was loyal to honest government sound money, national progress and the flag, it was supreme. Then its leaders forgot their allegiance, precipitated civil strife, suffered conquest at arms, following overwhelming defeat at the polls, and for years ceased to be a factor in national government. Led by Cleveland, who was out of sympathy with its most vicious vagaries, although for expediency's sake swallowing some, and aided by misrepresentation and misconception, it came forward once more for a brief spell of popular favor. And then came revolution in its own ranks, caused by its incompetency in the conduct of public affairs, by which came business revulsions and industrial prostration.

After that, what? Bryan, with repudiation, anarchy and an aggravated assertion of isms, out of which was born popocracy as substitute for democracy.

Is it any wonder such a party is suffering defection of voters? In common reason, could there be any other result? —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Hot Shot from a Democrat.

Stick a pin here. The men who are making the most noise denouncing the United States for leaving its continental shores to preserve peace and protect life and property in the islands of the Pacific, which the fortunes and responsibilities of war have placed in our hands, are the same men who with equal noise demand that the United States shall leave its continental shores to meddle in a war in far South Africa, and gratuitously insult a friendly power by taking sides with its opponents. They denounce the United States for attending to its own business in the Philippines, and they demand that the United States shall stick its nose and its mouth into what is none of its business in South Africa. They denounce the United States for preventing the Philippines from falling into the hands of irresponsible assassins and savages, objecting that the Philippines are on the other side of the world, and they demand that we shall go to the other side of the world to obtrude ourselves into a quarrel between foreign belligerents and insolently affront our best friend in the family of nations. Truly, these men have a fit spokesman in the shallow, vulgar and ignorant Mason. —Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.).

THE BOER WAR.

Sickness Appears Among the Horses of Both Armies—Buller Destroys a Bridge—Several Skirmishes Are Reported.

London, Dec. 26.—Nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there. The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounds, as well as accounts of sickness. The most serious report of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both British and Boer camps in Natal.

Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot, owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

A dispatch from Chieveley, dated December 19, says: "The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso ford bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of Tugela river. The enemy are taking up fresh positions on the eastern side, nearer the British camp. The British position at Freere is being strengthened. The Tugela river is rising and there is a prospect of a heavy rain. A two-hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable native reports the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso."

London, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed, but they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed.

The Cape Town correspondent of the News, telegraphing December 20, says: "Gen. Methuen intends to remain at Modder river about three weeks longer. From Boer sources I learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria as a reserve."

A dispatch to the News from Ladysmith, dated December 25, by helicopter, says: "Another sortie last night. Gen. Hunter, with 500 men, destroyed one six-inch gun, one howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

London, Dec. 28.—Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all to-day's news conveys the impression that Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder river and Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defense works, which in both cases are seemingly almost impregnable. As showing the difficulty of obtaining accurate information a correspondent of the News at Capetown, under date of December 21, announces that "Gen. Buller is coming to Capetown to meet Gen. Warren and then both will go to Modder river."

The Boers continue fortifying the hills. Gen. White, however, helicopters that all was well in Ladysmith on December 26. Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transport. They believe it will be many weeks before Gen. Roberts is able to reorganize and make an effective movement.

Ladysmith had a busy morning Monday shelling the Boer position on Umbulwana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley. Our scouts having reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela river, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 500 cattle.

London, Dec. 29.—During a lull in the military operations in South Africa the papers are filled with letters and articles criticizing the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like.

The Transvaal government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers, threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if England stops the entry of food into Delagoa bay."

The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter. The yeomanry committee has issued a statement to the effect that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 8,000 to 10,000 yeomanry, instead of the 3,000 originally asked for. It is expected that the first contingent of 1,000 will sail about the middle of January.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 29.—A heavy Boer gun on Bulwhana hill fired steadily on Ladysmith all Wednesday morning. Ladysmith did not respond. The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve its trenches facing Gen. Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the hills.

The British patrol sighted the enemy in force on the extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

A Mission of Mercy.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Philadelphia will send a hospital ship and a large corps of American physicians and surgeons to Transvaal. Subscription lists will be circulated and a pro-Boer public meeting will be held at the academy of music with that end in view. Many public men and leading citizens have become interested in the movement, and to-day a committee will be appointed to take charge of the details, secure the necessary funds and charter a steamer which will be started on its mission of mercy from this port just as soon as it can be properly fitted up for the trip.

Unable to Pronounce It.

The neighbors of a certain well-known Memphis Irish family say that the good housewife and her lord never know what domestic discord is except when the old man goes home slightly in his cups. Then there is trouble, and plenty of it, for the old lady is fire and tow and she says she has consistently tried for a score of years to get "Moike" to quit it. The storm, according to the story, have grown less violent of late years, and for that matter the tipsy periods of "Moike" are not of such frequent recurrence as formerly. Not long ago, so the story goes, the old man went home pretty well tanked, and his wife met him.

"Yis," she said, "ye're a-comin' home agin, an' t'-that dhruink. My, my, O, my, Moike, an' why is it yez won't call fur sarsaparilla when ye git em?"

"I kase," replied Mike, "whin O' gits enuf O' can't say 'sars-as-a-parilla,' an' now yez hav it." —Memphis Scimitar.

His Card.

A commercial traveler on his trip called upon a well-known chemist. He was nervous as he put his hand in his pocket and handed out a card.

"I represent that concern," said the young man.

"You are fortunate," replied the chemist. The commercial traveler was encouraged and said:

"I think so, sir, and the chemist who trades with us is even more so. My firm has the finest line of cosmetics in the country."

"I shouldn't have thought it," slowly responded the man of medicine. "Her complexion looks natural."

And he handed back the photograph which the young man had given him by mistake. He took it and left without waiting to make any farewell remarks. —London Tit-Bits.

Diplomatic.

"You flatter me," she said. "After all, beauty is but skin deep, you know."

"True," he replied, "but just think of the vast number of girls who haven't got it half that deep." —Chicago Daily News.

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After all, the question which disturbs men most, is how to earn more and work less. —Acheson Globe.

THE MARKETS.

	New York, Dec. 29.	
FLOUR—Winter wheat pat's.	2 55 @ 4 05	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	72 1/2 @ 75	
CORN—No. 2.	40 1/2 @ 41 1/2	
OATS—No. 2 white.	29 1/2 @ 30	
RYE—No. 2 western.	60 1/2 @ 61	
BEEF—Mess.	10 00 @ 10 50	
LARD—Western steamed.	8 85 @ 9 00	
BUTTER—Western creamery.	22 @ 25 1/2	
CHEESE—Late made small.	12 @ 12 1/2	
EGGS—Western.	21 @ 22	
WOOL—Domestic fleece.	21 @ 26	
CATTLE—Texas.	14 @ 17	
SHEEP—Fair to good.	5 00 @ 6 00	
HOGS—	2 50 @ 4 00	
	4 00 @ 4 75	
	CLEVELAND.	
FLOUR—Winter wheat pat's.	4 00 @ 4 15	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	3 00 @ 3 15	
CORN—No. 2.	3 10 @ 3 15	
OATS—No. 2 white.	29 1/2 @ 30	
RYE—No. 2 western.	33 1/2 @ 34	
BEEF—Mess.	27 1/2 @ 28 1/2	
BUTTER—Creamery first.	25 1/2 @ 26	
CHEESE—Vermont state, cream.	14 @ 14 1/2	
EGGS—Fresh laid.	11 1/2 @ 12	
POTATOES—Per bush.	45 @ 55	
SEEDS—Timothy prime.	1 25 @ 1 45	
COFFEE—Cocoa.	4 75 @ 5 00	
HAY—Timothy.	9 50 @ 10 00	
Bulk on market.	12 00 @ 14 00	
CATTLE—Steers, choice.	4 50 @ 5 00	
SHEEP—Fair to good.	7 50 @ 8 25	
HOGS—	4 25 @ 4 50	
	CINCINNATI.	
FLOUR—Family.	2 35 @ 2 70	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	60 1/2 @ 70	
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	36 @ 36 1/2	
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	25 1/2 @ 25 1/2	
RYE—No. 2.	31 1/2 @ 32	
HOGS—	3 75 @ 4 25	
	TOLEDO.	
WHEAT—No. 2 cash.	69 1/2 @ 69 1/2	
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	31 1/2 @ 31 1/2	
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	24 1/2 @ 24 1/2	
	BUFFALO.	
BEEVES—Good steers.	5 50 @ 5 40	
VEALS.	5 00 @ 7 75	
SHEEP—Mixed.	3 70 @ 4 00	
HOGS—Yorkers.	4 10 @ 4 15	
Pigs.	4 05 @ 4 10	
	PITTSBURG.	
BEEVES—Prime.	5 50 @ 5 80	
Fair.	3 70 @ 4 00	
SHEEP—Good wethers.	4 35 @ 4 45	
Good lambs.	5 00 @ 5 25	
HOGS—Prime heavy.	4 20 @ 4 25	
Pigs.	4 15 @ 4 20	

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Notable Happenings of 1899

SET DOWN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

The British-Boer War—War in the Philippines—Big Financial Failures, Starting Disasters and Crimes—Necrology, Politics and Sports, Etc.

BRITISH-BOER WAR.

Mar. 20—Jas. Chamberlain addresses parliament on the Transvaal.
May 16—Arrest of 8 alleged British officers in Transvaal for conspiracy.
June 1—Conference at Bloemfontein between Pres. Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner.
Jul. 10—New franchise bill passed by parliament.
Aug. 2—Kruger threatens to resign.
Aug. 21—Kruger's diplomatic note offers to make concessions on condition that England abandon claim of suzerainty.
28—Chamberlain replies such terms cannot be considered.
Sep. 8—Chamberlain insists on joint inquiry to make sure no nullifying conditions exist behind Kruger's proposals.
18—Kruger answers with less favorable proposals than before.
27—Britain formulates note that she will prepare final terms.
Oct. 2—Orange Free State votes to aid South African Republic.
Oct. 2—Gen. Sir Redvers Buller appointed to command in South Africa.
10—Boer ultimatum that Britain must withdraw troops from South Africa.
11—Announcement at Johannesburg that war would be in effect 10 a. m., Oct. 12.
12—Boers invade Natal.
13—Armored train captured by Boers at Krappan... Gold seized by Transvaal republic.
14—Kimberley besieged by Boers... Arsenal train blown up near Mafeking.
20—Gen. Symonds mortally wounded in battle at Glencoe.
22—Gen. Kock killed in battle of Elands-laagte.
23—Royal British fusiliers, No. 10 mountain battery and Gloucestershire regiment surrounded at Ladysmith and obliged to capitulate after losing heavily.
Nov. 2—Boers capture Ladysmith completing investment of Ladysmith.
16—Boers wreck English armored train north of Estcourt, and kill, wound or capture 100 of British fusiliers.
23—Gen. Methuen wins battle at Belmont; 58 killed, 147 wounded and 18 missing.
28—Methuen defeats Boers at Modder river, but with heavy loss.
Dec. 10—British under Gatacre drawn into trap at Stormberg and 672 taken prisoners.
13—Methuen repulsed at Magersfontein; Gen. Vauchape and marquis of Winchester killed. Total British losses, 963.
15—Gen. Buller reports reverse near Colenso; British troops again led into trap, 10 guns being captured, 1 destroyed, 1,097 casualties.
18—Gen. Methuen's communications cut.

WAR WITH THE FILIPINOS.

Jan. 20—Filipino congress at Malolos adopts constitution and votes confidence in Aguinaldo, empowering him to declare war against American forces.
23—U. S. government notified Aguinaldo had proclaimed republic.
Feb. 4—Filipinos make night attack on Manila, but repulsed; 25 American soldiers killed, 175 wounded... Agoncillo, Filipino representative, leaves Washington for Canada, on account of strict government censorship of all telegrams for Philippine islands.
13—Brig. Gen. Miller's forces capture Iloilo, capital island of Panay; rebels fire town before evacuating; no casualties on American side.
26—Surrender of Cebu, capital island of Cebu, to naval forces reported.
Mar. 13—Gen. Wheaton captures city of Iloilo.
20—U. S. Philippines commission meets in Manila.
20—Maj. Gen. MacArthur enters Malolos, seat of insurgent government; battle lasted 3 hrs; then Filipinos set fire to town and fled.
Apr. 10—Gen. Lawton captures Santa Cruz, Laguna Prov.
17—Filipino capital (at San Fernando since capture of Malolos) removed to Tarlac.
18—Admiral Dewey reports capture by Filipino of Lieut. Gilmore and 14 crew of the Yorktown who had gone ashore at Baier to rescue number of Spanish.
May 2—Conference in Manila between Gen. Otis and Filipino emissaries terminates without definite results.
9—First Filipino municipal government sanctioned by Americans established at Balining by Gen. Lawton. Native mayor and council elected.
16—San Isidro, important Filipino town, taken by Lawton.
22—Aguinaldo's commission meets American commission in Manila; notified that Pres. McKinley offered following: "A governor general to be appointed by the president; a cabinet to be appointed by the governor general; all the judges to be appointed by the president; the heads of departments to be either Americans or Filipinos, or both; and a general advisory council, its members to be chosen by the people by a form of suffrage to be hereafter definitely determined; all the judges to be appointed by the president; the heads of departments to be either Americans or Filipinos, or both; and a general advisory council, its members to be chosen by the people by a form of suffrage to be hereafter definitely determined."
Jun. 3—Gen. Rios with remainder of Spanish troops sails from Manila for Spain.
13—Americans under Lawton, Wheaton and Owens defeat Filipinos at Las Pinas; heavy loss on both sides.
15—Rear Admiral John C. Watson arrives at Manila to assume command of Asiatic squadron.
Jul. 17—War correspondents in Manila protest against rigid censorship of press dispatches.
22—Gen. Otis proclaims provisional civil government on Island of Negros.
Aug. 4—U. S. steamer Saturnus captured and burned.
Sep. 22—Gen. Otis' attempt to imitate policy employed in Cuba of buying insurgents' arms fails.
24—Gunboat Urdaneta while bombarding Orani is captured and sunk by rebels; crew made prisoners.
Oct. 8—Aguinaldo issues proclamation releasing American prisoners and permitting Filipino soldiers in northern provinces to go home.
9—Censorship of press dispatches to and from Manila abolished.
16—Insurgent capital moved from Tarlac to mountains west of Manila city.
26—Gen. Lawton establishes civil government at San Isidro.
31—Insurgent capital established at Bayang.
Nov. 8—Filipinos routed near Malabacat.
12—Americans enter Tarlac.
14—Maj. John A. Logan killed while leading battalion in battle at San Jacinto.
24—Otis reports that insurgent government can no longer be said to exist, troops and officials being scattered and Aguinaldo in hiding... Bautista, pres. Filipino congress, before Gen. MacArthur formally renounces all further connection with insurrection.
26—Capt. Verry, of gunboat Castine, reports to Admiral Watson that Prov. of Zamboanga has unconditionally surrendered.
Dec. 10—Gen. Gregorio Del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's body guard, killed in fight 18 m. w. Corvantes.
13—Gen. Tilton, commanding in Cagayan, voluntarily and unconditionally surrenders entire province.
19—Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton killed while leading attack against San Mateo, which was captured.
26—Americans victorious at Aritao, Calamba, Dinalupjan and Sala.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

Involving Liabilities of Half a Million Dollars or More—Banks Generally.
Jan. 6—New York, A. B. Hilton, voluntary bankruptcy; \$2,539,907; no assets.
10—Boston, Hamilton national bank; voluntary.
25—Kansas City, Mo., Planters' bank.
31—Russell, Kan., First national bank... San Jose, Cal., Union savings bank.
Mar. 2—Bank of Golden, Ill.
8—New York, William Noble, builder, voluntary bankruptcy; \$1,027,460.
9—Lama, O., American national bank; voluntary.
9—Memphis, Tenn., Continental national bank; voluntary.
13—Lagrange, Ill., C. F. Gillett's private bank.
22—Silver Creek, N. Y., Excelsior bank.
28—Kansas City, Mo., W. V. L. Lippincott, president Lippincott Rental Co.; \$1,000,000 with \$125 assets.
Apr. 6—Warrensburg, Mo., Farmers' and Merchants' bank turns business over to Citizens' bank... Brooklyn, N. Y., Fulton bank sold to Mechanics' bank of New York.
11—Anna, Wis., banking house of L. P. Humer and McKenzie.
14—Leopold, N. H., Lake Village savings bank.
Jun. 5—Cocheo (N. H.) savings and Cocheo national banks... First bank of Skagway, Alaska.
10—Houghton, Wis., Danecounty state bank.
14—Colonad, Minn., bank at Crede and banks at Hooper and Monte Vista.
20—New York, Henry Post, banker, voluntary bankruptcy; \$8,464,575.
30—Bay City, Mich., Spencer O. Fisher; \$750,000.
Jul. 7—Savings bank of St. Paul.
8—Niles, Mich., Citizens' national bank.
14—Pitts, N. J., Middlesex county savings bank.
17—St. Paul, Germania bank.
18—National Building & Loan Ass'n; \$852,646.
Aug. 10—Alex. McDonald, king of the Klondike; \$6,000,000.
Sep. 5—Aetehison (Kan.) national bank.
18—Penn Yan, 1st national bank.
23—Chita, Kan., Davidson Investment Co.
25—New York, H. J. Sloss, clothing manufacturer; \$735,162.
Oct. 27—Lexington, Ky., D. A. Sayre & Co.'s bank.
Nov. 2—Levy R. Doty, Chicago coal merchant; \$700,000.
14—J. H. Wood, Rutland, Me., Woodbury & Moulton's bank; \$700,000.
15—Bank of Athens, Ga.
22—Yankton, S. D., savings bank.
23—Butte, Mont., Farmers' & Merchants' bank... Lebanon, Ind., Central state bank.
Dec. 15—Boston, J. P. Squire & Sons, pork packers; \$3,000,000.
16—Boston, Broadway nat. bank.
19—Produce Ex. Trust Co., N. Y.; \$1,619,000.
20—Port Jarvis, N. Y., nat. bank.
21—Boston Globe Nat. Bank.
26—Boston, Lovell Arms Co.; St. Louis, Siegel-Hillman Dry Goods Co.; \$221,000.

CASUALTIES.

Disasters of Various Sorts in Which Six or More Lives Were Lost.
Jan. 1—Ishepeming, Mich., 6 miners by up-setting hoisting cage.
6—Mexico, 8 by explosion on yacht Paul Jones.
9—West Dunellen, N. J., 18 in railway collision.
10—Sunol, Neb., 4 in railway wreck.
14—Tacoma, Wash., harbor, British ship Andena sinks; 19 drowned... Gregg county, N. D., 6 in cyclone.
15—Silver Plume, Col., 24 miners in snowslide.
16—Off Na, lightship, 13 by foundering of boat.
12—Near Yankton, S. D., 17 in burning oil-cage of insane asylum.
14—Off Cape Cod, 9 by wreck of steamship William Lawrence... Cornerstone, Ark., 7 in burning home... In Texas during 2 days' intense cold, 14 frozen.
Mar. 8—Near Norfolk, Va., 12 drowned by sinking of tug.
17—New York, 46 by explosion in mine.
19—Near Edwardsville, Ala., 11 in cyclone.
27—Chicago, 8 in flames of Armour's curled cigar factory.
Apr. 3—Joplin, Mo., 5 by caving in of a narrow trench.
4—Eureka, Cal., 10 by capsizing of steamer in harbor.
7—New York, 12 in burning home of Walcott.
9—Near Glendive, Mont., 12 by flood in Yellowstone river.
18—Near Beverly, Mass., 11 in wreck of fishing schooner.
27—Nashville, Mo., 30 in tornado... New town, Mo., 15 by cyclone... Onawa, Ia., 5 in tornado.
28—Milan, Mo., 4 families by cyclone.
29—Carney's Point, N. J., 6 by explosion in smokeless powder works.
30—Near Grand Marais, in Lake Superior, 9 by foundering of schooner.
27—Near Waterloo, Ia., 8 in railway wreck caused by washout... Near Hardeeville, 9 in burning home... In Bijon hills, south of Chamberlain, S. D., 7 by cyclone... In New York, Alaska, 7 drowned breaking through the ice.
20—Toledo, O., 6 by upsetting of boat.
Jun. 4—Near Alberta, N. W. T., 30 Indians by upsetting of boat in Lake of Clouds.
7—In New York and vicinity, 25 from effects of warlike weather.
8—Ross Hollow, Ark., 25 by landslide... In vicinity of Austin, Tex., 25 by cyclone and consequent floods.
12—Near Richmond, Wis., 112 by cyclone.
16—Bentley, N. D., 45 by cyclone that practically destroyed the town.
16—Rosalia, Tex., 27 during freshet.
20—Dundar, Wis., 6 by upsetting of boat.
29—In Lake Erie, off Lorain, O., 9 by foundering of steamer... Near Clarksville, Mo., 5 by upsetting of boat.
31—Hampton, Va., 7 from yellow fever in soldiers' home... Big Prairie, Mich., 6; thrashing machine exploded.
Aug. 4—Crown's inlet, 22 gold hunters drowned.
3—St. Mary's and Calvert counties, Md., 6 during storm.
6—Near Baltimore, 5 by rowboat capsizing.
7—Near Rockwell, N. Y., 15 in burning home.
7—Near Washington, Ind., 6 drowned.
24—Near Cartersville, Mo., 5 miners by dynamite.
27—Sparkill, N. Y., 5 in St. Ann's convent fire.
28—Chicago, 9 by falling arches of new Coliseum bldg... Near Dardanelle, Ark., 7 by capsizing boat.
Sep. 1—Pittsburgh, Pa., 5 by boiler explosion... Easton, Conn., 5 children while playing.
5—Bath, Me., 5 by yacht capsizing... Off Amherstburg, O., 6 Toledo people by yacht capsizing.
16—Near Mora, N. M., 8 by capsizing of boat.
22—Near Cape Pine, N. F., 14 in shipwreck.
24—Reno, Col., 6 in railway collision.

Oct. 14—Off Sands point, L. I., 12 in burning steamer.
18—Teton county, Mont., 12 in blizzard.
23—In Montana, 9 sheep herders in storm while trying to save flocks.
26—Fairfax, Ala., 14 in fire.
Nov. 1—Off S. C. coast, 13 in shipwreck... Chicago, 5 by dust explosion.
12—Off Frying Pan shoals, N. C., 10 in shipwreck.
15—Off St. Pierre, Md., 7 in shipwreck.
19—Humboldt, S. D., 6 in railway disaster.
22—It is reported that 23 have been killed accidentally in Adirondacks by hunters... On Upper Yukon, Alaska, 10 drowned caught by ice jam.
30—Patterson, N. J., 6 at railway crossing.
Dec. 1—During Minn. and Wis. deer season, 11 hunters accidentally killed.
4—Near Salda, Col., 6 in railway collision.
8—On Lake Erie, steamer Niagara reported lost with 16 persons.
9—Carbon Hill, Wash., 32 by mine explosion.
16—On Lake Superior, whaleback barge 115 with crew of 9 men given up for lost.
19—Yonkers, N. Y., 3 in fire.
22—Quincy, Ill., 12 school children, in fire.
23—Brownsville, Pa., 35 by mine explosion.
25—Near Bear Month, Mont., 4 in railway wreck.
27—Near Ashcroft, B. C., 7 Indians by canoe upsetting.

CRIMES.

Jan. 2—Paulding, O., ex-Postmaster C. A. Brewer kills wife and self.
20—Antigo, Wis., vandals wreck offices of Catholic Republic, Weekly News and German Herald.
23—Philadelphia, Geo. Ayres fatally wounds wife's lover and kills wife and self.
Feb. 4—Westminster, O., Frank Blair kills Ed. Brovay, Mary Anderson and self; jealousy.
Mar. 1—Alibi court house in Choctaw nation, Walla Tonka hanged for murder.
2—Athelstone, Kan., wife and 4 children of John Gilbert found murdered.
Sep. 9—Capt. Alfred Dreyfus convicted of high treason by court-martial and sentenced to 10 yrs. in prison.
19—French cabinet decides to pardon Dreyfus—Julius Guerin surrenders after being hanged wks. in a house in Paris.
20—Dreyfus released from prison.
Oct. 3—Anglo-Venezuelan boundary commission decision (at Paris) gives Gt. Britain a great part of disputed territory.
16—Cloudburst in Rome does immense damage.
20—Juan Isidro Jimenes elected pres. San Domingo.
Nov. 4—U. S., Gt. Britain and German dissolve tripartite agreement regarding Samoan islands; U. S. guaranteed possession of Funafuti.
6—Naval battle between Colombian and rebel vessels; 250 insurgents killed.
20—Emperor and empress of Germany welcomed at Windsor by Victoria.
Dec. 2—Mexican troops kill 48 Yaqui Indians at San Juan, Chihuahua.
5—Kurds pillage Armenian village of Kostur, massacring 300 persons.
12—Earthquake on Ceram, one of Malay islands; 5,000 people perish.
27—At Freilingheim, 40 Belgian school children drowned by breaking through the ice on a skating pond.

INDUSTRIAL.

Jan. 12—Cheungung manufacturers of U. S. combine at New York; capital, \$15,000,000.
17—John Mitchell elected pres. United Mine Workers in convention at Pittsburgh.
22—Bridge building companies combine; capital, \$50,000,000.
Feb. 1—Leading pottery interests organize; capital, \$40,000,000.
3—Soap manufacturers combine; capital, \$50,000,000.
4—American Car & Foundry (combining 8 big car concerns) incorporated for \$60,000,000.
Mar. 1—American Steel and Wire Co., at Joliet, Ill., raises wages of 36,000 employees from 5 to 10 per cent... Various whistles and whistles companies form a trust, capital, \$128,000,000.
16—Wages of 15,000 stove molders raised.
30—The Republic Iron & Steel Co. (capital, \$50,000,000), controlling 30 mills west of Pittsburgh, incorporated.
31—During month of Mar. 134 corporations organized in New Jersey; aggregate capital stock, \$1,111,750,000.
Apr. 1—Increase in wages in cotton mills of New England goes into effect, the restoration of 14,000 operatives.
4—Andrew Carnegie advanced wages of 10,000 employees in Pittsburgh and vicinity 10 per cent.
20—Trouble between union and nonunion miners at Ardner, Idaho, culminated in riotous attack on the mine, and mill, causing loss of \$250,000 and one man killed... H. C. Frick Coke Co., at Pittsburgh, Pa., employs 15,000 men, raises wages from 6 to 12 1/2 per cent.
Mar. 2—Riots erupt over coal mining and martial law proclaimed on account of rioting.
10—Riotous strikers at Duluth, Minn., blow up street car with dynamite; 10 passengers injured.
11—Industrial commission in Washington practically into operation at once.
17—Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, in session at New Orleans, reelects Grand Master Morrissey and adopts resolutions opposing Sunday trains.
Jun. 7—United States court of appeals, in New York, holding of A. J. Cammeyer, retail shoes; \$500,000.
Feb. 1—Columbus, O., half a business block; \$750,000.
7—Winnipeg, Manitoba house; \$500,000.
10—New York, 13 buildings; \$700,000.
10—Franklin, Ky., consolidated... Co's 14 street railway lines in Cleveland, O., tied up by strike for increased wages.
12—Rioting in Cleveland resulted in destruction of 10 cars and injury of scores of persons, including many policemen.
24—Anti-trust coalition of coal miners' strike, 22,000 of the 30,000 strikers return to work in Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory and Arkansas.
24—Street railway strike in Cleveland ended by payment for railway workers, but, though at a money loss of nearly \$200,000.
Jul. 11—Distillery Co. of Amer., incorporated at Trenton, N. J.; cap. \$125,000,000.
12—Consolidation of wrought steel, iron and pipe industries effected in New York; \$89,000,000.
13—Wage increase of 15 per cent. for 30,000 tin mill employees announced.
Sep. 12—Trust conference (35 states represented) opened in Chicago.
10—New York, N. Y., elected pres. anti-trust organization formed as result of conference in Chicago.
20—Anti-trust conference begun in St. Louis, Mo. Savers (Tex.) presiding.
Oct. 10—Pana (Ill.) coal miners' strike settled by payment for railway workers, but, though at a money loss of nearly \$200,000.
20—Pullman Palace Car Co. of Chicago absorbs Wagner Palace Car Co. of N. Y.
Nov. 22—Commercial Industrial congress organized in Chicago, composed of leading shipping interests; E. P. Bacon, of Milwaukee, pres.
Dec. 10—Wages of 300,000 New England textile mill employees advanced, increase being \$10,000,000 a year.
13—Telephone companies of Mich., Ind. and O. refuse to sell out to telephone combine... International Farmers' union organized at Binghamton, N. Y., to maintain produce prices.
21—At Springfield, Ill., street car blown up by dynamite for 33rd time since strike began.

LYNCHINGS.

Jan. 5—Eagle City, Alaska, Jack Jolly, saloonkeeper and gambler... Near Banks, Ala., Marshall McGregor (colored); charged with burning barn.
Feb. 11—Near Leesburg, Ga., Bill Holt, Geo. Fort and Geo. Bivens; assault.
Mar. 15—Palmetto, Ga., negroes shot; charged with arson.
23—In Little River county, Ark., 7 negroes lynched to date, result of what is practically a race war.
25—Charleston, S. C., John Webb and Will Toney (negro boys 18 years old) killed by mob of white boys.
Apr. 11—Deerfield, O., Wm. Kinneman tarred and feathered; assault.

FOREIGN.

Jan. 19—U. S. cruiser Philadelphia ordered to Samoa as result of clash between German consul and the British and American representatives.
22—Germany disavows action of consul in Samoa.
Feb. 6—Gen. Count von Caprivi dies at Skyren, Ger.
16—M. Felix Faure, president of France, dies suddenly in Paris of apoplexy; aged 58.

19—Emile Loubet elected 7th president of France by national assembly at Versailles.
23—Funeral of M. Faure in Paris.
Mar. 2—Seoela, Ark., Will Sees; barn burning.
May 13—Blue Lake Springs, Ky., John Holland (colored).
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METEOROLOGICAL.

Jan. 10—Sarane, N. Y., temperature 39 deg. below 0.
24—Near Plaquemine, Ala., cyclone.
Feb. 13—Severe blizzard sweeps Atlantic coast.
14—Damage to fruit from cold in Florida estimated at \$1,000,000.
Mar. 5—Kanawha valley in W. Va., by worst flood in local history; Charleston almost entirely under water... Cyclone in East Tenn. destroys property valued at \$5,000,000.
10—Sharp flashes of lightning and roaring thunder during snowstorm at Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Apr. 14—Flood at Sheridan, Wyo., causes great property loss.
24—Snow blockade, which prevented trains entering Breckenridge, Col., for 76 days, broken.
May 1—Cassopolis, Mich., and vicinity, cyclone cuts path through of a mile wide.
10—Homer, Neb., inundated by cloudburst... Spencerport, N. Y., flooded from break in Erie canal.
16—Montpelier, O., cyclone strikes schoolhouse; 25 children and teacher injured.
30—Highview, Ia., practically destroyed by wind and rain.
Jun. 7—Peru, Ind., alburst.
20—Marshall, O., cloudburst.
21—Coal Gate, O., almost entirely destroyed by floods; great damage also at Murray City, possessions of more than 300 miners swept away.
22—Carrizo, Tex., washed away by flood; 50 lives and \$4,000,000 in property lost.
Jul. 3—Dewey, Tex., washed away by flood.
8—In Texas, flood in Brazos river valley has destroyed in 10 das. \$18,000,000 in property and 38 lives.
12—Fresburg, N. Y., half business portion destroyed by lightning.
28—In Denel county, S. D., wheat on strip of 4 by 10 miles destroyed by hail.
Aug. 6—Near Morrison, Col., cloudburst.
10—Hurricane in Porto Rico and other West Indies; city of Ponce entirely destroyed; 3,000 persons killed... In Philadelphia, electrical storm damaged \$1,000,000 in property.
Sep. 7—Near Bowling Green, 50 oil derricks wrecked by tornado.
Nov. 29—Great Falls, Mont., train blown from track by windstorm.
Dec. 7—Stuck river valley, Wash., flooded.
25—Jan Jacinto and Hemet, Cal., wiped out by earthquake.

NECROLOGY.

Jan. 13—Cong. Nelson Dingley (ex-gov. Maine), at Washington, aged 67.
17—J. K. Young, cong. librarian at Washington; aged 58.
26—Ex-Alexander Gen., ex-Sen. and ex-Gov. of Ala., A. H. Garland, at Washington; aged 67.
Feb. 5—Col. Jas. A. Sexton, of Chicago, G. A. R. commander-in-chief, at Washington; aged 55.
Mar. 1—Baron Farrer Herschell, former lord chamberlain of Gt. Britain, dies suddenly at Washington while representing England on Anglo-American joint high commission; aged 62.
2—Cong. John W. Cranford (Tex.), at Washington; aged 36.
12—Wm. W. Greer (Neb.), at Omaha.
17—Prince's Kauihani, in Honolulu; aged 24.
24—Francis H. Pierpont, 1st Gov. W. Va., and last of civil war governors, at Pittsburgh, Pa.; aged 86.
Apr. 1—Rear Admiral C. C. Carpenter (retired) commits suicide in a Boston sanitarium; aged 57.
9—Justice Stephen J. Field, of U. S. supreme court (retired), at Washington; aged 83.
24—Gov. and ex-U. S. Sen. Richard J. Oglesby, in Elkhart, Ind.; aged 74.
May 12—Ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower (N. Y.), at Eastport, L. I.; aged 64.
Jun. 1—Ex-Gov. Elisha Baxter, at Batesville, Ark.; aged 72.
12—Wm. H. Ellerbe, at Sellers, S. C.; aged 35.
15—Cong. Richard P. Bland, at Lebanon, Mo.; aged 64.
Jul. 5—Ex-Gov. J. P. Richardson, at Columbia, S. C.; aged 69... Bishop John P. Newman, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; aged 73.
21—Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll, near Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; aged 65.
Aug. 8—Ex-Gov. Wm. Y. Atkinson (Ga.), at Little Rock, Ark.; aged 65.
12—Ex-Gov. Henry M. Reector, at Little Rock, Ark.
Sep. 10—Ex-U. S. Sen. Jas. B. Eustace (N. Y.), at Newport, R. I.; aged 65.
16—Cong. Dan'l Emmentort, at Reading, Pa.; aged 62.
Oct. 5—Ex-U. S. Sen. Jas. Harlan, at Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; aged 79.
16—Ex-Gov. Wm. W. Thayer, at Portland, Ore.; aged 72... Ex-U. S. Sen. J. T. Harris, at Harrisburg, Va.
23—Ex-Gov. Hugh H. Osgood (Conn.), at Marlus, N. Y.; aged 78.
25—Chas. Grant Allen, novelist, in London; aged 51.
26—Brig. Gen. Guy V. Henry, U. S. A., at New York; aged 69.
Nov. 1—Ex-Gov. and Ex-U. S. Sen. Alvin Saunders, at Omaha, Neb.; aged 82.
5—Ex-Gov. A. Barto, at St. Cloud, Minn.
16—Cong. Evan E. Settle, in Owenton, Ky.; aged 51.
21—Vice Pres. Garret A. Hobart, at Paterston, N. J.; aged 55.
Dec. 5—U. S. Sen.-elect Monroe L. Hayward, in Nebraska City, Neb.; aged 59.
17—Lieut. Thos. M. Brumby, of Marietta, Ga., Dewey's flag lieutenant, at Washington; aged 44.
19—Dr. E. J. Finney, inventor of trolley system, at Fox Lake, Wis.
22—Dwight L. Moody, evangelist, at Northampton, Mass.; aged 62.
26—Prof. Elliott Cones, ornithologist, at Baltimore; aged 57.

SPORTING.

Jan. 5—Mail train makes run N. Y. to San Francisco (3,347 m.) in 28 hrs. 20 min.
7—Oliver Archer, at Dayton, O., setting high kick 7 ft. 3 in.

23—Near Newnan, Ga., Sam Hoag (negro) burned at stake; murdered Alfred Cranford and assaulted Mrs. Cranford.
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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Containing Especially to Things Political, Social, Religious and Educational.

Jan. 1—U. S. flag raised over Havana palace, noting transfer of sovereignty over Cuba from Spain.
4—Spanish-American peace treaty sent to U. S. senate.
12—Commissioner Gen. Eagan, testifying before war investigating committee, calls Gen. Miles a liar... Mrs. Frances Lee, member of Col. legislature, acts as speaker; 1st instance of the kind on record.
19—Cuban evacuation commission reports and is dissolved.
26—T. C. Search reelected pres. Nat. Assn. of Manufacturers at Cincinnati.
27—Verdict of dismissal from military service without recommendation of clemency passed on Gen. Eagan by court-martial for attack on Gen. Miles.
Feb. 1—A. G. Porter (rep., Wash.) elected to U. S. senate.
6—U. S. senate ratifies Spanish-American peace treaty 57 to 27... Capt. Gen. Castellanos, of Cuba, leaves Havana with last of Spanish soldiers, thus completing evacuation.
7—Pres. reduces Gen. Eagan's sentence to 6 yrs. suspension.
28—American flag raised over Guam.
Mar. 1—Union reform party organized in Cincinnati, its chief plank being the initiative and referendum.
3—Senate confirms nominations of Geo. Dewey to be admiral, E. S. Otis to be maj. gen., Sampson and Schley to be rear admirals with Schley 2 numbers in advance of Sampson.
17—Queen regent of Spain signs peace treaty, Apr. 5—Elisla Dyer (rep., R. I.) reelected gov... At Beattie, Kan., Mrs. Chas. Totten is elected mayor; all members of council are women.
11—Ratifications of peace treaty exchanged in Washington... Bellamy Storer named as minister to Spain.
21—Sen. Quay acquitted in Philadelphia and is appointed by Gov. Stone to fill vacancy till next legislature meets.
29—Court of inquiry reports charges of chemical treatment of refrigerated beef not established, censures Gen. Miles for delay in calling attention to matter, rebukes Gen. Eagan for careless purchase of an untried ration, and exonerates packers from blame.
May 2—Col. Fred Funston, 20th Kan. volunteers, made brig. gen.
10—Carl Schurz reelected pres. Civil Service Reform Assn. meeting in New York.
17—Presbyterians of U. S., in 111th annual assembly at Minneapolis.
24—National Baptist anniversary meetings begin in San Francisco.
25—Prof. Arthur T. Hadley elected pres. Yale University.
26—Distribution of \$3,000,000 gratuity to Cuban troops, on disbanding and surrendering arms, begun in Havana.
Jun. 1—Bimacille convention in Louisville, Ky., favors Chicago platform (36) and nomination of W. J. Bryan.
4—Diplomatic relations with Spain, broken off Apr. 21, 1898, formally resumed by reception of Duc d'Aceos, new Spanish minister... Lieut. Gov. McCreary (S. G.) inaugurated to succeed Gov. Elberle, deceased.
6—Speaker Reed resigns as member of congress.
Jul. 3—International Council of Women, at London; Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, pres.
5—United Society Christian Endeavor, at Detroit; Rev. Francis E. Clark, pres.
7—Nat. Editorial Assn., at Portland, Ore.; R. H. Henry, of Jackson, Miss., pres.
13—Nat. Educational Assn., at Los Angeles, Cal.; O. T. Corson, pres.
19—Sec. of War Russell A. Alger resigns.
Aug. 1—Elihu Root takes oath of office as secretary of war.
Sep. 4—Grand Army of Republic in 33d nat. encampment in Philadelphia.
7—Amer. Bankers' Assn. at Cleveland; Walker Hill, of St. Louis, pres.
13—Nat. Export exposition formally opened in Philadelphia.
26—Admiral Dewey arrives in New York harbor.
29—Naval parade in Dewey's honor in New York.
Oct. 2—Dewey arrives in Washington.
4—Pres. McKinley, wife and cabinet leave Washington for tour through west.
6—University of Vt. votes to confer degree of LL. D. on Dewey.
12—International commercial congress at Philadelphia.
18—Anti-imperialist meeting in Chicago.
25—Home purchased for Admiral Dewey formally turned over to him.
Nov. 7—State elections result as follows: Nash (rep.) elected in O.; Taylor (rep.) elected in Ky.; Shaw (rep.) in Ia.; Smith (dem.) in Md.; Longino (dem.) in Miss.; Crane (rep.) in Mass.; fusionists carry Nebraska; S. D., N. Y., Pa. and N. J. go rep., and Va. dem.
8—U. S., Gt. Britain and Germany agree on partition of Samoa.
9—Admiral Dewey marries Mrs. Mildred Hazen.
Dec. 4—Opening of 56th congress in Washington; David M. Henderson (Ia.) elected speaker of house.
7—Thos. S. Martin (Va.) nominated in joint caucus for U. S. Sen.
13—Ex-Sen. Allen appointed to U. S. Sen... Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood appointed military governor of Cuba.
18—Curren bill passed by lower house of congress 100 to 150.
20—Samuel Gompers unanimously reelected pres. Amer. Federation of Labor, Detroit.
26—Formal act issued for rep. nat. convention at Philadelphia, June 19.

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POINTED COMMENT.

Everything in this country is expanding, including trade, manufacturing and possessions. Even the anti-expansionists have the big head.

The Democrats continue to try to force the President to interfere in the Boer War. The United States has no right to say a word until asked to do so by both parties.

The solicitude of the Democrats in regard to Senator Hanna's health and their fears lest he may be unable to manage the next campaign are really getting to be amusing.

Congress has no doubt enjoyed its Christmas dinner hugely. It had a right to do so. It accomplished more work before the holidays than any Congress of recent years.

The New York Sun has christened Senator Jones, of Arkansas, by the name of Hopeful Jim Jones. The Sun's nicknames have a way of sticking when they are to the point as this one is.

It was left for a New Yorker to evolve the idea that whiskers denote brains, and it will not be long before the men of that town will resemble Kansas farmers before prosperity struck that state.

The extension of the coal export of the United States is growing remarkable. Last year we exported and sold to foreign countries and steamships some ten million tons. Our first shipment to Italy left Philadelphia recently.

Sibley has come over to the gold bug ranks, Gov. Hogg does not care to be Bryan's running mate, McLean is a millionaire and therefore to be suspected. Whence, oh whence, is the Democrat for second place to come?

Despite the large number of pensions applied for in consequence of the Spanish war, there is little doubt that the appropriation for pensions this year will be smaller than it was last. The Civil War veterans are growing old and are dying off rapidly.

We all remember how the foreign press divided up and parcelled out the United States after the Battle of Bull Run. It is doing something of the same sort with the British Empire nowadays, but the result is likely to be similar to that in America.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Navigation shows clearly that a merchant marine is needed to carry our exports abroad. It was bad enough to depend on foreign vessels for imports, but we should certainly be able to move our own goods.

There has been too much foolish talk about a Pacific cable steal. Any man of average intelligence should be able to cipher out for himself which is the more costly—\$400,000 a year subsidy for twenty years, or the interest on \$10,000,000 invested in a government cable which must be renewed in twenty years.

While it is true that speculators must reap some advantage from the actions of Secretary Gage in releasing gold, it is also true that dozens of financial institutions involving thousands upon thousands of widows and children have been saved from distress by his prompt act.

The British have no legal right to seize flour in neutral vessels unless it is the property of the Boers or is in process of shipment to a blockaded Boer port. Moreover, they know perfectly well that they have no right, and they will ultimately pay for the flour. But by that time it will be too late to do the Boers any good.

Reciprocity treaties are hard to frame and harder to ratify. They involve sacrifices by some for the sake of others and each fellow wants the other to be magnanimous. Reciprocity Commissioner Kasson and his able Secretary, Mr. Coleman, deserve great credit for the ability they have shown in framing those sent to the Senate.

Too Late to Classify.

We are pleased to hear from our old friend Chas. Simpson, of Eldred, formerly of Shippen, who renews his subscription for 1900. Come over and see us, Chas.

Harry Leggett, son of Isaac Leggett, fell upon the ice near his home, West Creek, yesterday, breaking his left wrist. Dr. Heilman was called and reduced the fracture.

Chemist Wm. Weinman has returned from Lebanon, where he visited his relatives and friends during the holidays. Ross Overturf had charge of his department during his absence.

Brother Earhart, editor of the Ridgway Democrat visited Emporium last week and attended the Masonic Banquet. We found the gentleman a very pleasant and genial member of the fraternity.

Ralph Hemphill came down from Ridgway and visited with his parents last week. Ralph, who is employed in Avery's cigar factory at Ridgway, is an exemplary young man and deserves to prosper.

A special from Toronto, Canada, says: Walter T. Merrick, a State Senator of Pennsylvania, was married in that city yesterday to Miss Albertina Fisher, a young lady of high social standing in Toronto.

W. B. McDonald, a former popular Emporium young man, now in the employ of the Nickle Plate R. R., at Cleveland, visited in Emporium during the holidays, guest of his sister, Mrs. Samuel J. Faucett and family. He had a pleasant visit and returned to his home on Tuesday.

EDITORIAL MENTION.

The 1,000 veteran employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad who were retired January 1st on pensions, doubtless believe that great combinations of capital are not all bad.

The car famine, about which Democrats have had so much quiet concern, has now extended to the coasts. Exporters in the Pacific cities of the United States say they cannot get ships enough to handle the business offered.

California, which has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of her state government, is recognized as one of the most progressive, patriotic and advanced of Western States. Yet when California was annexed her population consisted of Mexicans, Indians and half-castes (who were not consulted as to their wishes in the matter), and of whom it was said that we could never assimilate such a foreign and antagonistic population.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1st, 1900.

President McKinley's New Year levee was one of the most brilliant ever held in the White House. It began promptly at eleven o'clock a. m., with the reception of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic corps, followed by the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court, the Judges of the U. S. Court of Claims, the Court of appeals, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Ex-members of the Cabinet, ex-Ministers of the U. S., Senators and Representatives, the Commissioners and Judicial Officers of the District of Columbia, officers of the Army, officers of the Navy, officers of the Marine Corps, officers of the District of Columbia Militia, prominent bureau officials of the Executive Departments, veterans of the Mexican war, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion, the Union Veteran League, the Spanish war veterans, the Oldest Inhabitants Association of the District of Columbia and the general public.

To the close observer who had been present at many New Years receptions, the most notable thing about to-day's reception was the attitude of the European members of the Diplomatic Corps towards the President. Instead of the perfunctory and supercilious politeness with which those men used to greet our Presidents, which has made more than one American's blood boil with indignation and his foot ache with a desire to kick somebody, these diplomats tried to outdo each other in the cordiality with which they greeted President McKinley, showing very plainly their desire to stand well with him. There is a meaning in this changed attitude—a meaning that makes a good American's heart expand with pride. In former days, diplomatic representatives of the great European powers regarded the U. S. as a second or third rate nation, not worth cultivating; to-day they regard the U. S. as a world power, second to none, the good will of which it is not only policy to cultivate, but actually dangerous to lose. As a deep student of politics and human nature, President McKinley is fully aware of this change, and doubtless proud of the part he played in bringing it about. More than once while he listened to the expressions of good wishes for himself and the nation, by the diplomats, a merry twinkle was seen in his eye by those

who were in a position to see, and it is quite certain that he saw the humor as well as the honor of the situation, and that he enjoyed it.

Comic papers and a few Senators and Representatives who play instead of work when Congress is in session, are responsible for much public misinformation as to the life of the average Senator or Representative. Everybody in Washington who has ever taken the trouble to ascertain the facts, knows that many men in both branches of Congress. One who has been a careful observer of Congressional life said, speaking especially of the illness of Representative Boutelle, of Maine, Chairman of the House Naval Committee, "Hard work and consequent irregularity of eating and sleeping are responsible for the breaking down of Mr. Boutelle's health, just as the same things caused the death of Mr. Dingley. Some of the members don't care a rap for their legislative duties; they have a good time and pay no attention to Congress. But the committee chairmen, the floor leaders, and the legislative wheel-horses, often sit up nearly all night long going over documents and figures relating to contemplated legislation. They get only a few hours' rest and then tired, listless and irritable, they go to the Capitol for a day's work. After hours spent in mental activity in committee rooms, they will, in the course of the afternoon, go into the Capitol restaurants and eat a heavy, indigestible meal. With that sort of thing going on daily for months, it is surprising that there are not more breakdowns among the working members. Not one man in a hundred can stand it for any length of time."

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me and thank God I am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at L. Taggart's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

According to a Paris fashion note this is to be a "velvet year."

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed; only 50c. Sold by L. Taggart, druggist.

A good dentist, like a good barber has a perfect right to pull.

Howard.

We, the undersigned druggists, offer a reward of 50 cents to any person who purchases of us, two 25 cent boxes of Baxter's Mandraks Bitters Tablets, if it fails to cure constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, jaundice, loss of appetite, sour stomach, dyspepsia, liver complaint, or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. Price 25 cents for either tablets or liquid. We will also refund the money on one package of either if it fails to give satisfaction. L. Taggart, R. C. Dodson. 34-43ly

Maybe they didn't have fresh meat in the ark but they had Ham.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every state in the Union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventative and cure for croup. It has become the universal remedy for that disease. M. V. Fisher, of Liberty, W. Va., only repeats what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of several of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sale by L. Taggart, Druggist. jan

Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Manager Martin, of the Pierson drug store, informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of la grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by L. Taggart, Druggist. jan

S. E. MURRY,
PRACTICAL
PLUMBER, GAS
AND
STEAM FITTER.

I have recently added an entirely new line of Plumbing Goods to my already large stock. I handle and keep constantly in stock

GAS AND
STEAM FITTINGS,
SEWER PIPES,
GAS STOVES, ETC.

My store room is well supplied with Bath Tubs, Wash Stands, Gas Lamps and anything required in my trade. Contracts taken for all lines of work; satisfaction guaranteed. Write me when you have any work in my line. Out of town orders promptly attended to.

S. E. MURRY.

NEW STORE. FRESH GOODS.

CRAMER'S

Popular Variety Store

New line of winter Coats and Capes. Elegant in texture and make.

Newest styles in Fancy Dress patterns.

Fine line of Ready-made Clothing of the best manufacture.

Ladies' - Furnishing - Goods.

Tinware, Glassware,
Silverware, Dishes, by sets,
One hundred piece
Dinner and Tea Sets,
Crockery,
Lamps, Lanterns,
Clocks,
Table Oil Cloth,
Clothes Wringers,
Window Shades, Wall Paper,
Sewing Machines,D. F. CRAMER,
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Dry Goods and Carpets!

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Anderson Co.

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Great
Attractions
TO
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Shoppers.

Our stock of dry goods novelties, of fancy goods, china, lamps, clocks, toys, games and dolls is the largest in Buffalo and our prices are the lowest.

Out-of-town customers will receive every attention and courtesy possible to facilitate their Christmas buying.

Luncheon, refreshments and meals of all kinds furnished at reasonable prices in our fourth floor dining-room at any hour of the day.

Read the Buffalo papers for daily Christmas bargains.

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The American Block.

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H. A. ZARPS & CO.,

Ladies Coats, Capes and
Satin Skirts.Fascinators,
Collarrettes,
Winter Hosiery,
Winter Underwear,
Ladies Wrappers.

New and beautiful line of

China and
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Our large Store is a

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No Cheap Trash, but we sell at
low prices.

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FASHIONABLE AND UP-TO-DATE

Merchant Tailors

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R. SEGER & CO.,

Opposite M. E. Church, Emporium, Pa.

We have prepared for the rush in business and while we are busy we always have time to serve our old patrons. NEW STYLES in piece goods for early winter are now ready for inspection. There is no use of sending to Philadelphia, Buffalo or any other place for clothing. You pay more money than we charge and goods are no better, fit no better and you send the money away from home.

OUR PRICES are up-to-date and if we do not give you satisfaction we will make it right.

R. Seger & Co.,

EMPORIUM, PA.

Greeting

We are having a big trade in groceries and meats, the biggest we ever remember.

WHY?

Because we do business on business principles. We cater alike to the masses and carry a line of goods to suit the purse of the poorest or the fastidious taste of the richest.

We carry a complete line of Groceries and Meats and the quality is always the best.

Give us a call.

Alex. McDougall,

Groceries and Meat.

Emporium, Pa.



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WAX CANDLES**

Blend most softly and play most effectively over a festive scene when thrown by waxen candles. The light that heightens beauty's charm, that gives the finished touch to the drawing room or dining room, is the mellow glow of

Sold in all colors and shades to harmonize with any interior hangings or decorations. Manufactured by STANDARD OIL CO. For sale everywhere.

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NEW GOODS!
NEW GOODS!

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H. C.

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STORE.

We are stocking up the store with new and seasonable goods.

An elegant assortment of Ladies Capes and Jackets, on which we can save you money.

NEW DRESS GOODS,
UNDERWEAR,
HOSIERY,
GLOVES and
MITTENS,
MEN'S, BOYS', GIRLS
and CHILDREN'S
HATS and CAPS.

We also have a good assortment of the Assigned stock, which we are closing at great bargains.

C. JAY GOODNOUGH,

ASSIGNEE.

THE PEOPLE'S

CLOTHING
HOUSE,

Metzger Block, Opp. Post-office,

Is giving away a SHOE POLISHING STAND to each and every purchaser of \$15.00 worth of goods from our store.

The latest styles in

MEN'S AND
BOYS' CLOTHING.

The popular shapes in HATS and CAPS, including the stylish "Broadway Special" and "Electric City Special." Call and see these popular hats. None more stylish in the country. We are the exclusive agents for these celebrated hats, in Cameron county.

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We carry lotions to cure your chapped hands. The best and most reliable article to be found. And after you have the chapped hands cured you can do much to keep them soft and smooth by using pure soaps. We carry an elegant line of toilet articles, including the famous Jersey Cream soap.

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EMPORIUM MILLING COMPANY.

PRICE LIST.

Emporium, Pa., Nov. 21, 1899.

NEMOPHILA, per sack, \$1.10	55
Graham, " " " "	55
Rye, " " " "	55
Buckwheat, " " " "	55
Patent Meal, " " " "	40
Coarse Meal, per 100, " "	95
Chop Feed, " " " "	55
White Middlings, " " " "	1.10
Brn, " " " "	1.00
Corn, per bushel, " "	53
White Oats, per bushel, " "	49
Choice Clover Seed, " "	At Market Prices.
Choice Timothy Seed, " "	
Fancy Kentucky Blue Grass, " "	

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Contributions invited. That which you would like to see in this department, let us know by post card, or letter, personally.

Jos. Lechner has been on the sick list the past week.

Ralph C. Davison returned to State College last Sunday evening.

H. S. Lloyd transacted business at Buffalo last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Walize, of Renovo, visited in Emporium last week.

J. B. Schriever came home from Wilkes-Barre to enjoy the week of festivities.

Mrs. Roberts, of Elmira, N. Y., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Fenton, at this place.

Miss Lottie Van Lew, of Walla Walla Wash., is visiting her uncle C. A. Van Lew, on third st.

Miss Martha Kaye, of Emporium, Pa., is the guest of Miss Lena Moxley, —Renovo Record.

Miss Mary Davison returned to Chambersburg last evening, where she is attending school.

P. J. Bloom and wife, of Tidoute, after visiting friends in town returned to their home yesterday.

H. M. Fry, of Raton, N. M., arrived in Emporium last Saturday to visit his parents for a few weeks.

James Morrissey, of Renovo, who has been visiting his Emporium friends returned to Renovo on Sunday.

Chas. K. Bloom, who is spending a few days with his parents at this place will return to Tidoute on Friday.

A. D. Gould and wife of Eldred, visited in Emporium during the holidays, returning home on Tuesday.

Miss Towers, of Driftwood, visited in Emporium on Monday and attended the Hooks ball at the opera house.

Mr. Olson, the popular Turner street tailor spent Christmas with his family at Emporium.—Austin Autograph.

Miss Laura Strawbridge, of Johnsonburg, is visiting Emporium friends, this week. Miss S. is a very pleasant lady.

John J. Hinkle came up from Philadelphia on Monday and visited in Emporium a few hours and transacted some business.

Miss Martha Kaye has gone to Williamsport to remain some time for the purpose of taking a course in a business college.

Fred Johnson returned to Swarthmore College, Tuesday evening, after spending the holidays with his father at this place.

Miss Stella Garrity, cashier at the Great Combination Store, spent Christmas with her parents at Emporium.—St. Marys Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Howard, of Williamsport, visited Mrs. M. A. Rockwell this week and took in the Hooks ball Monday evening.

C. R. Gingrich, of Lebanon, Pa., was in Emporium during the holidays visiting friends. He avers that he did not come by way of Chester.

Miss Sarah Wallace, one of the Climax Company's efficient book-keepers, has returned from visiting her relatives and friends at Pittsburg.

Misses Gertrude and Grace Laumer went to Emporium Saturday evening where they spent Christmas with relatives.—Port Allegany Reporter.

T. V. Mulligan, chief operator of P. & E. R. R., was transacting business in Emporium last Saturday and found time to make the Press office a call.

Mrs. E. O. Bardwell, wife of Dr. Bardwell, is very seriously ill this week. Drs. Heilman and Smith are assisting Dr. Bardwell in treating her.

Miss Marcie Howard and Master Godfrey Howard, came up from Williamsport and enjoyed Christmas week with their grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Rockwell.

Mine Inspector Ed. Stewart, of Cameron, was in Emporium on Wednesday.

Miss Sarah McDonald left yesterday for St. Marys, where she will attend school.

T. H. Norris and wife, of Portland Mills, visited C. C. Fay and wife on Christmas.

Express Agent Logan and Miss Mame visited Williamsport relatives on Saturday.

Mrs. John J. Hinkle has gone to Philadelphia to visit her husband for a few weeks.

Jake Slaigle went to Renovo on Monday and assisted the railroad boys at their dance.

Prof. Schwab, of Tannery school, at Sterling Run, called on Emporium friends last week.

Chas. W. Shaffer is now a member of the law firm of Green & Shaffer. Congratulations, Chas.

Miss Grace Walker, who is employed at Ithaca University of music, came home for the holidays.

J. B. Schriever and family returned to Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday after visiting in town for several days.

W. J. Jameson, of Buffalo, private secretary to Frank B. Baird, transacted business in Emporium yesterday and to-day.

Miss Mary Robinson, who is attending Normal at West Chester, visited her parents in Emporium the past two weeks.

Mrs. Thos. Gallagher and Miss Mazie Gallagher are visiting relatives and taking in the sights at Philadelphia this week.

County Auditor Wm. H. Logue, of Gibson, was a Press visitor on Monday and carried away a receipt for the Press for 1900.

Misses Grace and Bessie McCaslin left yesterday for Cleveland to visit relatives. They expect to be absent several weeks.

The new County Auditors, Messrs. W. H. Logue, C. L. Butler and M. Brennan are busy at work on the county books.

Mrs. John E. Smith, of Sterling Run, was guest of Mrs. M. P. Whiting on Wednesday. On Thursday they visited Ridgway relatives.

Miss Mary Schropp, of Lebanon, Pa., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Port, on Sixth street. Miss S. is daughter of the editor of Lebanon News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Grant Egbert and child, of Ithaca, visited their parents, Geo. A. Walker and family, at this place, during the holidays.

Mr. R. E. Avery and wife, of Buffalo, N. Y., attended the Morrison-Murry wedding and remained here for several days to visit relatives and old friends.

Don M. Larrabee, who is attending Pennsylvania University law department, visited his parents in town the past two weeks. He returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson, of Bryan Hill, who has been receiving treatment at the Pennsylvania University Hospital, at Philadelphia, returned home last Monday, greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Osborn and son Hayde, have enjoyed a visit with Emporium relatives and friends during the past week. They were guests of Mrs. O's mother, Mrs. J. M. Judd.

Geo. Crawford turned up in time to enjoy Emporium's good cheer during the holidays and could not break away from his many friends until after the New Year's ball. Geo. is all right.

We were pleased to meet our old friend C. H. Sage, Jr., of Johnsonburg, who with his wife, came down to spend Christmas with Mrs. S.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delos Burlingame at Sizerville.

Thos. C. Johnson came up from Pittsburg and visited with his father, Hon. J. C. Johnson, and brother Fred, during Christmas week. He is actively engaged in real estate business in the Smoky City.

Our greatly esteemed friend E. Lord, of Sterling Run, was a very welcome caller at the Press sanctum last Saturday. Mr. Lord has been one of our prompt paying subscribers ever since the first issue of this journal, in 1866. He does not require a reminder.

The Press regrets to say that Ralph C. Smutz, who has been employed by J. H. Day as clerk, has resigned to accept a position at Tidoute. Mr. Smutz was universally respected by our people and one and all regret his departure.

Since our last issue there has been a very material increase in the population of Emporium, boys predominating. The following homes were made happy: Ed. Blinzler, boy; A. M. Mattison, girl; Michael Muleahy, boy; Moses Johnson, boy; O. B. Barnes, girl; Jos. Kinsler, boy; John Peitjack, boy.

Mrs. V. M. Kepler, of Central City, Col., has been visiting her relatives and friends in Emporium the past week. Mrs. K. resided here many years ago and will be pleasantly remembered by many of our citizens as Miss Hertig. The lady favored the Press sanctum with a call and we were very glad to meet her, an esteemed friend of our boyhood days.

Ex-County Commissioner Thos. Dougherty, of Driftwood, visited in Emporium last Saturday and transacted business at the seat of finance. Before leaving town he paid his respects to the Press and entertained us pleasantly with tales of early days in this region. Few gentlemen in the state are better posted on the lumber output of former days than Mr. Dougherty, who for thirty years was Supt. for Dodge, James & Stokes, et. als.

Ralph Williams was up from the Sinnemahoning this week.... Mr. Joe Wheeler and Miss Edith Herteau of Emporium, were among the visitors in town Thursday.... Miss Golda Lyon returned to her home in Emporium Monday, after a week's visit among Austin friends.... Misses Mary and Loretta Swayne attended the New Year's ball at Emporium Monday night. During their stay they were guests of Miss Ella Newton.... Joe Lazutti, Vern Grindols, Wiley Barrows, Frank and Mike Swayne, Durn Wilber, Henry Deppe, Will Green and Connie Buckley represented Charity Hose Co. at the Rescue Hook and Ladder Co's. ball at Emporium Monday evening. The boys all speak very highly of the manner in which they were entertained.—Austin Autograph.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on two 25 cent bottles or boxes of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, if it fails to cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, jaundice, loss of appetite, sour stomach, dyspepsia, liver complaint, or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. It is highly recommended as a tonic and blood purifier. Sold liquid in bottles, and tablets in boxes. Price 25 cents for either. One package of either guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. L. Taggart, R. C. Dodson. 34-24-ly

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

THE annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Emporium & Rich Valley R. R. Co. will be held at the Law Office of B. W. Green, Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1900, at one o'clock, p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before them.

J. W. KAYE, Sec'y.
Emporium, Pa., Dec. 14th, 1899.

\$25 Reward!

THE above reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons misplacing our switches, thereby endangering the lives of our employees and the safety of our property.

EMPORIUM FURNACE CO.
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ELECTION NOTICE.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
Emporium, Pa., Dec. 6th, 1899.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders for the election of a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them, will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, January 9th, 1900, between the hours of one and three in the afternoon. Polls close at three.

M. P. WHITING, Cashier.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,) ss:
COUNTY OF CAMERON,)

NOTICE is hereby given that E. W. Green, Esq., Executor of the last will and testament of Duncan S. McDonald, late of Emporium Borough, deceased, has filed his first and partial account of his administration of said estate, and the same will be presented to the Orphan's Court, at January term next, for confirmation at 11.

Register's Office,
Emporium, Pa., Dec. 18th, 1899. J. 43-4t

COURT PROCLAMATION.—WHEREAS—The Hon. CHAS. A. MAYER President Judge and the Hon. JOHN McDONALD and J. C. BOZHAM, Associate Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the county of Cameron, have issued their precept bearing date the 28th day of October A. D. 1899, and to me directed for holding Court of Oyer and Terminer, General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Emporium, Pa., on Monday, the 15th day of January 1900, at 2 o'clock, p. m., and to continue one week.

Notice is hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute against them as will be just.

Dated at Emporium, Pa., Dec. 19th, 1899, and in the 123rd year of the Independence of the United States of America.

FRANK MUNDY, Sheriff.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILWAY.

In Effect Sunday, November 19th, 1899.
(Eastern Standard Time.)

EASTBOUND.

STATIONS.	No. 9.	13.	1	5	7	41
Via A. V. Ry.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Pittsburg, Pa.	16 15	19 00	1 49	5 05	7 00	9 00
Red Bank, " "	9 10	11 05	4 07	5 30	11 05	
Lawsonham, " "	9 10	11 05	4 11	5 34	11 05	
New Bethlehem, " "	9 50	11 38	4 48	6 11	11 44	
Brookville, " "	10 15	12 05	5 12	6 35	12 29	
Reynoldsville, " "	6 53	11 06	12 38	6 29	13 10	
Falls Creek, " "	6 05	11 19	12 48	6 19	13 24	
DuBois, " "	7 12	11 25	1 00	6 29	13 30	1 20
Sabula, " "	7 24		1 12	6 41		
Penfield, " "	7 25	12 29		6 41		
Benezette, " "	8 17		2 03	7 30		
Driftwood, " "	8 55		2 40	8 15		
Via P. & E. Div						
Driftwood, Pa.	8 41		15 45			
Emporium, Pa.	9 10		16 23			

WESTBOUND.

STATIONS.	No. 8	6	2	14	10	42
Via P. & E. Div	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Emporium, Pa.	15 45			15 45		
Driftwood, Pa.	16 23			16 23		
Via A. V. Ry.						
Driftwood, Pa.	16 50	11 55		15 50		
DuBois, " "	7 25	12 29		15 50		
Penfield, " "	7 58	1 02		7 03		
Sabula, " "	8 13	1 18		7 22		
DuBois, " "	8 25	1 30	4 56	7 37	14 26	
Falls Creek, " "	6 41	8 35	1 40	4 56	7 42	26
Reynoldsville, " "	6 53	8 45	1 50	5 08	7 55	4 38
Brookville, " "	7 24	9 12	2 16	5 40	8 25	5 10
New Bethlehem, " "	8 09	9 50	2 32	6 11	8 56	5 35
Lawsonham, " "	8 38	10 15	3 15	6 53		6 23
Red Bank, " "	8 50	10 25	3 25	7 05		6 35
Pittsburg, Pa.	9 11	12 40	3 36	7 19	45	9 25

Note—Train 7 on Sundays will make all stops between Red Bank and DuBois.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. ‡Sunday only.

Fullman Parlor Buffet cars on trains 1, 2, 6 and 7 between Red Bank and DuBois, daily except Sunday.

JAS. P. ANDERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named persons have filed their petitions for Licenses, in my office, according to law, for the term of January Court, 1900:

HOTEL LICENSE.

Sinnemahoning.

O. L. Bailey,.....Enterprise House
Joe M. Shaffer,.....Sinnemahoning House
Driftwood.

Fred McVicker,.....Lafayette House
Thos. J. Riley,.....Commercial House
A. McDonald,.....Curtin House

Sterling Run.

Mary A. Furlong,.....Alpine House
Patrick Mahoney,.....Sterling Run House
Sizerville Hotel License.

H. W. Martindale,.....Sizer Springs House
Emporium, East Ward, Hotel Licenses.

John L. Johnson,.....Central House
Wm. Hathaway,.....American House
Richard J. Loyd,.....Exchange House

Peter Shoup,.....Cook House
John Costello,.....Eagle House
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When Prudence occupies the pew
Across the aisle from me.

She sits a sweet divinity
Of goodness and of grace;
Then, it is strange naught else I see
Of hope save in her face?
A hope earthy 'tis, 'tis true,
Yet saving grace the pew
When Prudence occupies the pew
Across the aisle from me.

Perhaps the pastor's fervent speech
To his flock giveth food,
The theme seems quite beyond my reach,
Though well with love imbued.
That part I grasp, and take as true,
For mine's the mood, you see,
When Prudence occupies the pew
Across the aisle from me.
—Roy Farrell Greene, in Munsey's Magazine.

A COLONIAL
FREE-LANCE
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CHAPTER XV.

THE FOG.

The moon was up, and it cast a lusty light over the lowlands and the river, though its setting would not be late. It was a lovely night; in faith, all nature was possessed of a beauty which made the thought of yielding up of life bitter enough. Everything suggested freedom, from the rolling of the distant woodland on Long Island to the sparkle and dance of the water which lay between it and me, barring me from liberty and my inborn right to breathe the free air. The speck that shot across the brilliant moon path I knew to be a patrol boat, and a sudden hatred of the bonds that compassed me, as exemplified in that small floating thing, brought my muscles into iron bands, and I clutched the sill with my fingers until the casing cracked.

I turned back to the others, and we ate the balance of our meal in silence, even the girl feeling the growing nearness of the end and glancing furtively at each man's face in turn.

I think we sat in this state of depression for much more than an hour, or long after we had finished eating, and each face was well-nigh lost in the darkness. The window being open, no light was made, and as there was not a breath of wind, the stillness was only broken by the sounds of night life without. There was a faint shimmer of moonlight on the floor which barely gave form to those at the table, but the only sign of animation existing within doors was the glowing of our three pipes as we men sat and sucked away, each respecting the thoughts of the others.

At length Burt spoke. "I am bound to confess that darkness looms ahead," he began, "and if I make a suggestion, it is not to hint that you should take a hopeless chance in order that I may be rid of you. Could you do aught with a boat? I have one concealed that might be made ready in an hour."

The spell of silence and inactivity was broken, for the girl left her chair and stepped softly to the window as I replied: "I have thought of boats, but only for the Hudson side. Could we go far and not be picked up by another such sneaking devil of a patrol as I saw yonder? Whither shall we go? I say we, for we must be. I have cast my lot with the others."

He made no answer, and I rose and joined the girl (whom I could hardly yet think of as a girl) at the window. But now the aspect of nature had changed, and the fair picture I had seen before, but a short time before, was blurred as a breath blurs a cold pane. With the quick alteration possible in this region, and at this season, within the hour the night had grown damp, and a light, low fog hung over the river and its banks, so shallow, so still, and so silvery in the clear moonlight that it was as though a quiet inundation had engulfed the land and turned the world into a lake. At the elevation from which I viewed it, I looked down upon it as one looks down upon the sea from a low headland. A billowy fullness lifted here and there, slow moving and majestic, but over its vast extent the line between fog and clear air was sharply drawn. No moon track across this fleecy ocean, no sharp ripple broke its surface, and a breeze would have wrecked its strange beauty in a second.

The trees rose through the vapor, clear at their tops but invisible at their bases, and one dead sycamore stood strongly out against the light like the masts and rigging of a sunken ship. Its similarity struck me. As my eye caught it, like a flash of lightning an idea shot into my brain and my pipe snapped off at my teeth as I bit through the stem in the intensity of my feeling. With a cry I sprang for Ames, and gripping him by the shoulders with a force that made him cry out, I said, or rather shouted:

"I have it! I have it! Now is the time! Will you follow me and take a monstrous chance? Look, man! Mark the fog! We will to the boat—drift for the Phantom—cut her cable and trust to the ebb and God above to carry us past the fleet."

"The phantom? For the love of God, what phantom? Are you suddenly daft, Thorndyke, that you see ghosts?" was the vehement return of the youth, as with a violent twist he tried to free himself from my grasp.

"Nay, man, no ghost!" I cried, betwixt a laugh and a sob, so high was my nervous excitement. "My ship—the schooner Phantom! Have I not told you? She lies but a mile below on a straight drift. See, man, see!" said I, hurrying him to the window. "The fog will be our guard! Once away, we are safe! 'Tis death to bide here when such a mask stands ready for our use! We are yet alive! We are not spent! Will you risk the outcome? Let us not stand here and see those scoundrel devils hem us in like a ring of fire! Better struggle in the sweet brine beneath the vessel's keel than be jerked into the next world by means of a rope! Never shall they dance me! How now? Shall we sink or swim together in the venture?"

It was beside myself with excitement. As the meaning of my words, which had been poured out in disjointed sentences, caught the youth, he instantly took fire. We were now all standing, and I had released him from my hold. With a bound he gained the side of his sister, who had stood like a statue as my plan was unfolding, and taking her hand, he said:

"Gertrude! Gertrude! do you follow him? 'Tis a grand opening; 'tis like a call

to life! I am for it! We have no home, and can lose no more than is already lost if we remain here. Will you cast your lot with him—with us—and risk the danger which can be no greater beyond than in this place? Come, Thorndyke, make it clear; show her 'tis the last resort, desperate though it be."

There was no need of argument, however, for with one hand in that of her brother and the other stretched toward me, she simply answered: "I dare all you dare! Have I yet failed?" and stood with lifted head and untrembling form as she spoke the words.

Out of sheer respect and admiration for the heroism of this girl, I felt like bending my knee even as a knight bends before his sovereign, but the practical mind of Burt put a period to any possibility of mock heroics for that individual asked in the calmest of tones:

"Is your ship still where she has been? Is she deserted, or, at least, is she not guarded?"

"Three days ago not a gasket had been touched since the broad arrow was painted on her bow," I answered. "By night she is guarded by a single man, but that troubles me less than would a fly on a hot day. He has seen his last sun if he thwarts me. I care not for one man nor three if I can but guide my approach. From aught I have seen—and I have watched her well—nothing has been done to her, naught carried away. She was thought fit to go on an errand to Pigot, only wanting in men, arms, and provisions; even the fresh water stowed forward may be good!"

"Arms and provisions you can have. They are even now in the barn room," he answered slowly and in strong contrast to my excited speech. "But," he continued, as he closed the shutters, blocked the windows, and lighted the candle, "might you not overshoot your vessel in the fog, or run into some of the anchored fleet when once adrift?"

"Ay, all is chance!" broke in Ames; "and 'twere better to take the chance than to be run to earth like a tired fox, as is like to happen in biding here. What, then, would come to you, Peter? Like enough you would help weight a third string, and we all hang together!"

"When does the tide ebb to-night?" I asked.

"Near eleven, or at about the setting of the moon," Burt answered. Then after a moment he continued: "Well, God be with you, gentlemen! I will do my part. Like the refuge in the barn, I made the boat and hid it while yet Washington held the city. I clearly foresaw the outcome of his collision with Clinton, and little doubted the ultimate use of both barn and boat. Either is at your service."

With the opening of possible escape before me, and one demanding immediate action, my spirits went aloft in the measure of my former depression. Nor did I fear their reaction, as enough uncertainty lay before to keep a man's eyes and wits awake, and that, too, without the aid of liquor. Even after the decision to trust to the boat was made, my mind misgave me. Was it better to drag this girl into the danger of an attempt to fly through a plan which might be nipped in the bud and end by our running at once into the hands of the enemy, or lie in a suffocating box with the doubtful chance of being overlooked? Even if safer, the latter would become more than awkward if necessity demanded protracted concealment, and if discovery ensued it would but serve to damn our generous benefactor. Besides, to tell the truth, I had no wish to be found like a scared rabbit in a hole. A man's pride hangs on high as long as his breath, if he be properly balanced, and I had made a reputation of which, to say the least, I was not ashamed. Nay, I would make a bold and novel move, and if it must so come, end my life like a man with his liver of the proper color.

This much settled, and in less time than it has taken to write it, I thought and spoke no more of the barn room, but turned with the rest to making ready. Beyond the boat, the bundle of provisions, an extra brace of pistols, and a rapier, we mulcted our host of nothing. In an hour the boat, which was no more than a flat-bottomed scow squared at the ends, was brought from its hiding place. It was fitted with the roughest of oars and but one thwart, and was a damp affair altogether, its concealment having been made through covering it with boards on which had been piled a mass of wet salt weed. It proved tight, though terribly heavy, but as I worked I completed the details of the start, and had determined that the use of oars would but menace our safety, so that speed, or lack of it, would be a quality cutting no figure. We would but drift and steer.

After cleaning it, there was little else to do but load the boat, getting the arms snugly bestowed, and then wait for the slackening of the flood tide. It was tedious and impatient waiting, for I feared me that the wind might rise and wreck the boat. If this should happen before dawn our prospects would be wrecked with it, and then—and then—

But I am not prone to borrow trouble, though it was with half relief and half regret that toward midnight I finally heard the swashing of the ebb as it eddied along the rocks, and knew the time to start had come. The full realization of the risk came upon me as I stood with painter in hand giving my last farewell to Burt. "God keep you safe!" he said. "If I find the schooner gone to-morrow, and hear not of your capture by Thursday, I will thank Him as never before." The next minute the three of us were on the boat, and the Sound river, and the black land was hidden by the fog that closed around us.

I at once sculled out into the stream until I struck the free current, and then sat myself on the boat's bottom, using an oar as a rudder to keep the scow's head down the river, letting her drift with the tide which was here running at a great rate. All night sounds from the land were lost in the thick cloud, and an almost dead silence ensued as we whirled southward, the only break being an occasional sucking noise in the water, due to the hurrying whirlpools.

It was nervous work. Ames was forward as a lookout, his figure even at that short distance being almost lost in the combined darkness and blur. The girl, seated upon the center thwart, held herself as straight as an arrow, though her head was slightly bent, as in intense listening. Fears of her becoming an incubus had long since vanished, and if her heart beat thickly at our dubious adventure, it did not show in the quiet and confident smile with which she had adopted every suggestion and obeyed every order with as little hesitation as though she had been a disciplined soldier. In her hand she held a pistol which was huddled closely to her cloak to keep the damp from its priming, and in an emergency I fully believed she would use it without a qualm.

I had given orders that no shot should be fired save in extremity, determining that interference should be met by cold steel only. At the onset I feared nothing beyond blind firing into a patrol, and in that case the use of firearms might alarm the enemy ashore. In the above fashion, then, we drifted along for perhaps 20 minutes, the wet drifting from my brows and lashes like tears. I had no means of getting at our definite whereabouts save by guessing by our speed, that making me think we should be abreast of the highlands below Turtle bay. Turning

the boat's head inshore, I ran close to the rocks, and then slid along (more slowly for being hard by the bank) toward what I thought to be the loom of the land. By this I had gotten into the swing of the situation and had less fear of interruption than of missing the Phantom. "Would be an easy matter to slip by her, and even could I once mark the height of Corleais Hook, with its alarm beacon always ready for the touch of a torch, I would then be an unusual sailor if I could make a straight course for the schooner, though she still lay at her old anchorage. In the darkness both beacon and heights would be beyond vision, and I was approaching what was very like real worry when my fears were relieved and our present situation indicated by the sound of eight bells struck in true manner from a style that came floating over the river about our old board beam. I gave a fair guess that the measured beats came from the Bellerophon striking the hour of midnight, that ship being the only vessel of size which had been anchored above the Jersey prison lock to dispute a possible passage of the Sound river from above. I was sure of this when, after intently listening, I heard no other striking, for had the fleet been near there would have been a harmony of bells in quick succession.

My mind being thus relieved, I turned the tub's head into the stream again, and for awhile we floated rapidly and silently along, a boat with three figures that might have been carved from stone, so rigid were our attitudes of watchfulness and expectancy.

I fear I am none too strong a believer in the doctrine of special providences, though I have seemed to see its workings in my own behalf, as instanced in the breeze that saved me from the knife of the negro; but if ever the Almighty carried three human beings in the hollow of His hand, and pointed out the way of deliverance from pressing danger, He did it this night, and that without the working of a miracle. Suddenly, and without the intervention of a breeze, we were floating in clear water. Before us rose a white, impenetrable cloud of a dull luminosity, while behind us lay the moist sea from which we had just drifted. Its height was clearly marked, and showed the mist extended not more than 20 feet above the river's surface. We had struck a chain in the fog, and once when on the high seas I had marked the like, then, as now, there being no wind to mix or drive the vapor.

The rift was but a few hundred feet across, though it apparently extended from shore to shore, like the waters rolled back for the passage of the children of Israel. Not a boat was in sight. On either hand the water lay black and flat, only shimmered here and there by the light of the stars that shone clearly overhead. [This incident must not be considered forced. The writer saw these exact conditions while on a ferry boat from New York to Brooklyn during a foggy night in the summer of 1885. The phenomenon is probably due to a warm and comparatively dry streak of slowly moving air, and lasts but a few moments.]

It was a wonderful, an awe-inspiring sight, but the quick exclamation I involuntarily made—the first sound from the boat since it left Turtle bay—was followed by almost a shout as I marked a height of headland from the top of which, faintly outlined against the pale sky, stood up the beacon. It was Corleais Hook past doubt, known not alone by its rounded outline, but by the unused alarm signal which Clinton had caused to be placed there to warn the fleet in case of a sudden attack by the Americans. A watch was always kept from this



Fog.

point, but I doubt that the eye of an eagle could have caught the tiny speck of our boat with its load of three as it floated over the space of open water.

In less than five minutes we were plunged into the opposite bank of fog, and then I passed the girl to my place in the stern, quietly shipped the oars in the muffled tholes, seated myself on the thwart, and held me ready to alter our course and feel for the schooner as soon as we had gained a trifle more way down the river.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE CABIN OF THE PHANTOM.

With my mind lost to all else save the calculation of the speed and distance we were making, and my body braced forward awaiting the proper moment to sever the boat's course, I was suddenly startled by a quick exclamation from Ames, which was at once followed by a rasping bump and the heeling of the scow until the water poured in over the gunwale. At the same moment the starboard oar received a blow that almost tore it from my hand, and what seemed a huge black object came along side and quickly vanished in the mist and darkness astern. The suddenness and smartness of the shock were startling; but, as were the appearance and disappearance of the obstruction we had fouled, I recognized it to be the spar buoy which marked the outer edge of the reef extending from the Hook into the river.

One might have cruised a week under the conditions besetting us and failed to have picked it up. It was like groping through the proverbial haystack and finding the proverbial needle without having looked for it, and though its greeting had well-nigh been disastrous, it gave me the one point I wished with absolute accuracy. I now knew that we were nearly dead to the Phantom, and not two cable lengths away; indeed, had we missed the rude warning of the spar, it was but fair to reckon we would have fouled the schooner herself unless in which case we would have missed her altogether.

nified through the fog, loomed up like a blank wall the bow of the schooner.

So suddenly were we upon it that the jib boom was well over us before I sighted the black wall, and with all my might I checked the boat's way, grasping the bolstair in time to save the taut cable, and we came to a rest. The suck of the rushing waters against the broad, flat end of the scow made me fearful that the noise would call the guard's attention forward, and, whispering into the ear of Ames to hold all fast until I returned, I gently rid me of my boots, took my sword betwixt my teeth, swarmed up the stay to the bowsprit, and stood again on the deck of my own schooner.

At last 'twas done. The exultation I felt would be but natural to any man who sees the successful ending of a difficult undertaking. Fog and darkness were no longer to me; my way was clear, and I had been clear had I been blind, but hardly had I gotten abreast the foremost when I heard the burly tones of one man addressing another, and the noise of oars as they fell into rowlocks came plainly to my strained ear. Stepping softly over the bulwark, I lowered myself to the channel and listened.

"An' yet get astray in the fog an' come not back by dawn, I'll have ye in the guard-house for bein' off post," said the voice from the deck.

"Nay," came the answer from a boat; "ye do me a good turn by giving me this leave; fear me not. I'll ne'er betray you or fail to be back in time for you to get ashore. 'Tis a summer's fog, an' will melt by sunrise. Tell him I will not let him run."

"Fetch it, then, but not in yer skin," was the return. "If they speak of me, say ye heard I was going on a quest to Kingsbridge, to be back on the morrow. Ye had better belay yer lip, for ye are off post, an' I hold ye in my hand."

"Ay, ay! Never fear! Good night!" was the answer, and the boat moved off with steady strokes of the oar, while the first speaker evidently entered the cabin, as I heard the companion door open and close. Then all was again silent.

Here was an unexpected situation made more mysterious from the fact that there was something familiar in the voice of the man who had just gone below. I could not place it, only noticing that both men spoke with the savor of sea brine in their words, and though one was totally strange to me, the voice of the other hung in my ear as a misty dream hangs in the mind after waking, naught but its effect remaining.

Getting to the deck again, I moved slowly aft, stopping as I noticed a slight luminosity at the side of the cabin, but on further cautious approach found the cause. The cabin was lighted. To prevent the light from going beyond the vessel a tarpaulin had been stretched over the cabin house from rail to rail, thus leaving an open space betwixt the rails and the deadlights, whereby was served the double end of obtaining air and guarding the outward show of light. There was devilry for sure. Dropping on to my stomach, I snaked myself beneath the tarpaulin, brought my eye to the swung back port, and nearly betrayed myself by the start I made.

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A READER OF CHARACTER.

Stuart, the American Painter, was a Good Judge of Human Nature.

"I don't want people to look at my pictures and say how beautiful the drapery is; the face is what I care about," said Stuart, the great American painter. He was once asked what he considered the most characteristic feature of the face; he replied by pressing the end of his pencil against the tip of his nose, distorting it oddly.

His faculty at reading physiognomy sometimes made curious hits. There was a person in Newport, R. I., celebrated for his powers of calculation, out in other respects almost an idiot. One day Stuart, being in the British museum, came upon a bust whose likeness was apparently unmistakable. Calling the curator, he said: "I see you have a head of 'Calculating Jemmy.'"

"Calculating Jemmy!" repeated the curator, in amazement. "That is the head of Sir Isaac Newton."

On another occasion, while dining with the duke of Northumberland, his host privately called his attention to a gentleman, and asked the painter if he knew him. Stuart had never seen him before.

"Tell me what sort of a man he is." "I may speak frankly?" "By all means."

"Well, if the Almighty ever wrote a legible hand, he is the greatest rascal that ever disgraced society."

It appeared that the man was an attorney who had been detected in sundry dishonest acts. Stuart's daughter tells a pretty story of her father's garret, where many of his unfinished pictures were stored: "The garret was my playground, and a beautiful sketch of Mme. Bonaparte was the idol that I worshipped. At last I got possession of colors and an old panel, and fell to work copying the picture. Suddenly I heard a frightful roaring sound; the kitchen chimney was on fire. Presently my father appeared, to see if the fire was likely to do any damage. He saw that I looked very foolish at being caught at such presumptuous employment, and pretended not to see me. But presently he could not resist looking over my shoulder.

"Why, boy," said he—so he used to address me—"you must not mix your colors with turpentine; you must have some oil!"

It is pleasant to add that the little girl who thus found her inspiration eventually became a portrait-painter of merit.—Youth's Companion.

HER ASPIRATIONS.

A Kansas Girl Who Took a Practical View of Educational Advantages.

There was little of the idealistic about the essay of a Kansas girl at her recent graduation. Her teacher had given her for a theme the phrase: "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy." She astonished her preceptor and schoolmates by these emphatic words:

"I do not care a cent whether Italy lies beyond the Alps or even in Missouri. I do not expect to set the river on fire with my future career. I am glad I have a good, very good education, but I am not going to misuse it by writing poetry or essays about the future woman. It will enable me to correct the grammar of any lover I may have, should he speak of 'dorgs' in my presence, or say he went somewhere. It will also come handy when I want to figure out how many pounds of soap a woman can get for three dozen eggs at the grocery. So I do not begrudge the time I have spent in acquiring it. But my ambitions do not fly so high. I just want to marry a man who can lick anybody of his weight in the township, who can run an 80-acre farm and who has no female relatives to come around and try to boss the ranch. And I will agree to cook good dinners for him that won't send him to an early grave and lavish upon him a whole lot of wholesome affection and see that his razor hasn't been used to cut broom wire when he wants to shave. In Missouri of all things I don't care if I do get a little rusty on the rule of three and kindred things as the years go by."—Chicago Chronicle.

The Finest Road.

"I suppose," he began, as he entered a railroad ticket office—"I suppose you sell tickets to New York?" "Certainly, sir," was the reply. "You have a direct line?" "It is down on the map as the only direct line." "As you see, sir," replied the agent, as he opened a folder. "Yes, I see. You land passengers in New York ahead of competing lines, of course?" "Of course." "Luxurious coaches—no dust—finest dining cars—scenery unexcelled?" "Yes, sir." "By taking your line I avoid delays and reduce the chances of accident to a minimum?" "Yes, sir, you do. Have a ticket to New York over our line, sir?" "Can't say yet. I'm going to see five other agents, each with the shortest and most direct line, and if I find a line among the six I'll ticket over his road."—Ohio State Journal.

Woman in Finance.

A Detroit man, whose wife was coming to San Francisco on a visit, accompanied her as far as Chicago and put her on the overland train. Before leaving her he gave the porter half of a five dollar bill that he had torn in two, telling the man that his wife had the other half and would give it to him at the end of the journey if she were properly looked after. When he got home he found he had neglected to give his wife the other half of the torn bill, and a few days later he received a letter from his wife reminding him of the fact, and saying she had torn a dollar bill in two and given half of it to the porter. Somewhere along the line there must be a wild-eyed dorky with the halves of two worthless bills in his possession and a firm conviction that he has been wronged by some sort of a new flimflam game. Meanwhile, the Detroit man is anxious to find out what sort of reasoning his wife used when she gave that porter a half instead of the whole of that one dollar bill.—San Francisco Argonaut.

An Extinguisher.

Thump, thump! Rattle, rattle, crash! Young Percy Stonebroke rolled down the steps of the palatial residence of Mr. Goldbands. Mr. Goldbands returned to the house, rolling down his sleeves. "Papa, O, papa, what have you been doing?" This question came in anguished tones from the ruby lips of Arabella Goldbands. "Putting out the light of your life," answered papa, who had done a little eavesdropping in the hall the night before.—Baltimore American.

The Farmer Scored.

A farmer drifted into a hardware store at Midvale and was asked by the manager: "Don't you want to buy a bicycle to ride around your farm on? They're cheap now. Can give you one for \$35." "I'd sooner put the \$35 into a cow," said the farmer. "But think," said the manager, "how foolish you would look riding around town on a cow." "Oh, I don't know," said the farmer; "no more foolish, perhaps, than I would milking a bicycle."—Kansas City Journal.

Childhood may do without a grand purpose, but manhood cannot.—Holland.



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A MINE HORROR.

Twenty-three Men Killed by an Explosion of Firedamp.

Fifty Men Were in the Brazel Shaft, Near Brownsville, Pa., When the Disaster Occurred—Workmen Claim that Mining Laws Were Disregarded.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—The explosion of firedamp at the Stockdale Coal Co.'s Brazel shaft on Saturday is the worst since the Hill mine disaster at Dunbar. The explosion was terrific and was heard plainly at Brownsville, four miles distant. The main shaft was totally wrecked.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—A special to the Post from Brownsville says: The horror of the Brazel mine grows in intensity with every hour. There were fifty men in the mine when the explosion occurred.

On Sunday the first bodies of the victims were brought out of the mine and never in the history of mine disasters were human beings so horribly mutilated. It was nearly 11 o'clock before the first five bodies were taken out, 25 hours after the explosion.

From statements obtained yesterday it seems clear that the presence of gas in quantities in the mine was perfectly well known and that naked lights were used for several days before the explosion. According to credible authority, not a single safety lamp was used in the mine by the working crews since last Tuesday morning, four days before the explosion.

William Pastorious, a driver in the mine, tells a sensational story. Pastorious, who has lived in Brownsville for many years and is regarded as a man of intelligence, says that Pit Boss Jones on last Tuesday morning issued a general order that all safety lamps might be dispensed with and in their stead the miners were permitted to use naked lamps. Pastorious also states that the lamps were unlocked, contrary to regulation.

"The miners always prefer to use naked lights," said Pastorious, "when ever possible, as they give better light and are more easily handled. I have been working here a couple of months and used a safety lamp until last Tuesday morning. At that time mine safeties were in use by drivers and others who were constantly moving about the mine and therefore exposed to greater risk than a digger in a room. Contrary to the mining regulations the safety lamps in use were in many cases unlocked. The safeties were provided by the company, as usual, and they should be locked so that it is impossible for a miner to open them while at work. My lamp was unlocked and I frequently opened and closed it. On Tuesday the pit boss issued an order that the men could use open lamps and they of course discarded the safeties, which made a poorer light. About 100 yards from the bottom of the main shaft there was a fall which had been boarded up and in which the gas stood against the roof. I think it was this gas which exploded."

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Work at the Brazel mine is progressing very slowly. The country roads from Brownsville to the mine are almost impassable and there is no telegraph or telephone connections with Brazel, so all news from the mine has to be brought overland. The fact that last Saturday was pay day at the mine and that there were no empty wagons to load, accounts for many not going into the mine that morning. Had the accident occurred any other day there would have been more than 100 men in the mine.

That naked lights and unlocked safety lamps were used in a dangerous mine was officially confirmed Monday by Pitt Boss Thomas Jones, who made a statement which forms the most sensational chapter on the management of the mine which has yet developed. Mr. Jones was asked if it was true that on last Tuesday he issued a general order that the miners could dispense with safety lamps.

"Yes sir," was the reply.

"Why did you issue the order?"

"I considered that the mine was safe, as a 'break through' had been fixed up."

"Safety lamps were used before Tuesday?"

"Yes."

"Is it true that some safety lamps in use in the mine were not locked?"

"Yes, it is true that some were not locked, because I thought the men who used them were competent to carry them unlocked."

"Was that not contrary to regulations?"

"Oh, there may be a regulation, but men sometimes carry unlocked lamps where it is known that they are experienced miners."

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 27.—Search for the dead was kept up at the Brazel mine yesterday, resulting in the finding of eight more bodies, making 23 victims of the explosion.

Disastrous Floods.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—One of the most disastrous floods in the history of the state is raging along the Nooksack river in Whatcom county. It is estimated that at least \$30,000 worth of damage has been done to the farms and buildings in the flooded district, and still the waters show no indication of subsiding. Five or seven bridges over the river have been swept away, four of them being iron.

Fell From a High Bridge.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Two men were knocked from a railroad bridge 70 feet high at London, Tenn., yesterday under peculiar circumstances. Sam Eldridge, one of the men, will die. The other will probably recover. John Weare in a drunken condition attempted to ride across the high bridge and had forced his horse along about 40 feet before it fell between the cross-ties. An oncoming train was flagged just in time to prevent horse and rider being killed. In attempting to get the horse off the bridge Sam Eldridge and William Boggs were knocked off the structure.

ASK GRIGGS TO ACT.

Freight Shippers Request the Attorney General to Prevent Railroads from Increasing Rates.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Yesterday the interstate commerce commission, in compliance with the request of the freight shippers and representatives of the commercial interests, transmitted to Attorney General Griggs a transcript of the evidence taken at the hearing last week respecting the new classification of freight made by the official classification committee. The proposed classification is to be made effective on January 1 by all railroads using the official classification. These include more than 60 lines east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The petition of the shippers was that the commission should transmit the evidence taken before it to the attorney general, with a recommendation that he institute legal proceedings, by injunction or otherwise, to restrain the railroads from putting the new classification into effect. To the request of the shippers the commission in part complies. The evidence and arguments are transmitted to the attorney general, but without recommendation.

The letter of transmittal is long, the committee desiring to place the case fully before the attorney general. After reviewing the proceedings which led up to the hearing, the letter reads:

"In the course of this hearing the commission took the testimony of C. E. Gill, chairman of the official classification committee; Nathan Guilford, traffic manager of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co., and Frank Harriott, a member of the official classification committee, who is also the general freight traffic manager of the Erie railroad. At the conclusion of the testimony given by these witnesses, an application was made by many of the shippers present that such testimony be transmitted to the attorney general of the United States, the claim being made by them that the evidence shows a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

"While it is not the province of this commission to determine whether the testimony above referred to shows a violation of the anti-trust law, and no opinion is expressed upon that point, there are certain features of the case to which we deem it proper to call your attention.

"With some unimportant exceptions the general fact appears to be that the class rates at present in force and which will presumably be applied to the new classification are now the same as or higher than they were in 1887 when the act to regulate commerce was passed.

"The protesting shippers assert that the increases in rates, to the extent affected by these changes in classification, are without justification, and will result in excessive charges upon most if not all of the articles in question. They also allege that hardship and injustice will further result from the changes which will be made in the relation of rates, and especially from the increases in the difference between carload and less than carload charges. If their contention in these respects is well founded, as to which we express no opinion, a wrong is about to be accomplished which the commission is powerless to prevent and for which the act to regulate commerce affords no adequate redress. The facts above set forth are submitted for your consideration."

Attorney General Griggs, who is ill, has given no intimation yet as to what action, if any, he may take in the premises. He will have to review the testimony before he can reach an intelligent conclusion. In any event it will be several days before the matter can be determined.

AN ORIENTAL SCOURGE.

Health Authorities in California are Trying to Prevent the Introduction of Bubonic Plague.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—The news of the breaking out of the plague in Honolulu, brought here by the transport Centennial, has created some alarm among the state and city health officials and every precaution is being taken to prevent a possible admission of the disease into this city. The transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived Wednesday night, and the Tartar, which arrived from Manila yesterday, are now at the quarantine station undergoing fumigation and will be detained at Angel island for some time. The steamer Gaelic is due here to-day from the Orient via Honolulu and will be sent to quarantine and held there until all possible danger is past.

News from the Orient is to the effect that the disease is prevalent in China and Japan to an unusual extent and that the officers at Manila have taken precautions to prevent the plague from getting a foothold there. News from Bombay is to the effect that the plague is rampant in India.

War Spirit Is Rampant.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—Willis G. Cannon, a lawyer of Montreal, who is here, was asked yesterday what the true condition of Canadian sentiment is in connection with the African war. He replied that it was truly represented in the newspapers of Canada, the only difference being that newspapers were unable to express the intensity of the war spirit that pervades all classes of Canadian subjects.

Dowie to Have a Bodyguard.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The Tribune says: "Dr." John Alexander Dowie, 'divine' healer, will ask no further police protection from the city. He is organizing a military company of stalwart disciples of his faith, who will carry firearms, wear uniforms and be paid as the professional bodyguard of Zion. The company consists at present of 300 men, chosen for physique and ability to use weapons. Gov. Tanner has granted permission to Dowie to have his company, which is to be called the Volunteers of Zion, parade in Chicago streets and carry rifles next Sunday afternoon.

AT REST IN ARLINGTON.

Remains of the Victims of the Maine Disaster are Buried in a National Cemetery.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Upon the windy heights of Arlington cemetery the Maine dead, brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, yesterday were laid away to their final resting places with simple religious services and the impressive honors of war, in the presence of the president, members of his cabinet, officers of the army and navy and other representatives of the government. A cabinet officer surveying the flag-draped coffins before the ceremonies began said: "The lives of those men cost Spain her colonies."

The caskets interred yesterday ranged row on row. Over each was spread an American ensign upon which lay a wreath of smilax leaves. Around the enclosure, shoulder to shoulder, the yellow of their coat linings forming a band of color, were drawn up the cavalry of Fort Meyer; to the right was a battalion of marines from the navy yard; to the left a detachment of jacksies from the Texas; in the flag-draped stand in the rear, the president and his cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Maj. Gen. Miles and a distinguished group of officers of the army and navy in their showy dress uniforms; while all around pressed the throng of people who had braved the snow and biting cold to pay their last tribute to the dead.

There was a tender appropriateness in the fact that Capt. Sigbee, who was in command of the Maine when she was blown up, had charge of the ceremonies in honor of his men and that Father Chidwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, was there to perform the last rites. Three others who lived through that awful night in Havana harbor were at the side of the graves of their comrades, Lieut. Commander Wainwright, who was executive officer of the Maine and who sunk the Pluton and the Furor at Santiago; Lieut. F. C. Bowers, who was assistant engineer of the Maine, and Jeremiah Shea, a fireman on the Maine, who was blown out of the stokehole of the ship through the debris, escaping uninjured most miraculously.

Slowly, solemnly, the Marine band broke the deep hush, pealing forth the sad, sweet strains of the dirge "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and then Chaplain Clark, of the naval academy at Annapolis, came forward and took his place under a canvas-covered shelter in the open space in front of the dead.

The Protestant services were held first and were very simple. Chaplain Clark read the burial service of the Episcopal church and then gave way to Father Chidwick, who was assisted by Revs. Holland and Brown and two acolytes. With head bared to the windy blast the Maine's chaplain read a memorial service according to the rites of the Catholic church, blessed the ground, repeated the Lord's Prayer and concluded with a fervent appeal for the repose of the souls of the departed. A detachment of marines then marched to the right of the graves and fired three volleys over the dead, and in the deep stillness that followed the crash the clear notes of a bugle rang out the soldiers and sailors' last good night.

A BIG INSURANCE DEAL.

A Chicago Company Absorbs a Rival Concern Having 28,000 Policy Holders.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 29.—By a vote of 17,097 to 76 the Covenant Mutual Life association, of this city, yesterday decided to amalgamate with the Northwestern Life Assurance Co., of Chicago. This is the largest insurance transfer on record, as the 28,000 members of the Covenant Mutual Life association, whose policies aggregate \$45,000,000, will go over to the Northwestern Co. in a body.

There was much opposition among some members of the Covenant association to the transfer and for a time it looked as though the deal would not be carried through, but a speech made by Judge Fawcett, of Omaha, carried the day for the amalgamation and once the break was made in the ranks of the objectors they came over very fast, and at the close there was practically no opposition. The thing is likely to get into the courts, however, as some of the minority are determined to stop the transfer if it be possible. An attempt was made to invalidate the proxies held by the officers of the Covenant association, but it failed.

Hostilities Renewed.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 29.—Colombian advisers say the endeavors to effect a compromise between the government and the insurgents have failed, resulting in a renewal of hostilities. On the Pacific side both parties are marking time, while on the Atlantic side severe fighting has occurred. The government troops, it appears, broke the truce and attacked the insurgents near Baranquilla, who retreated after a stubborn battle. The government forces subsequently fell into a trap and suffered severe losses.

Price of Thread Advances.

New York, Dec. 29.—It was announced at the office of the Clark Thread Co. in Newark, N. J., yesterday that the concern had made an advance on the price of cotton thread to the extent of 15 cents a dozen spools. The increased price of cotton and the increase in wages in the New England mills is given as the cause of the increase in price.

Ford's Will Filled for Probate.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 29.—The will of the late Daniel Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, filed for probate in the probate court Thursday, disposes of an estate of \$2,500,000. The will gives \$77,000 to charitable and religious institutions, mostly in Massachusetts, and provides annuities for others. The will also bequeaths \$350,000 to the Baptist Social union. This sum is to be used for the erection of a building for the union. The Youth's Companion plant, with certain real estate, is left to the executors to be administered for the benefit of the Baptist Social union.

A DASTARDLY PLOT.

Chinese Highbinders are Suspected of Throwing a Bomb Into a Methodist Mission.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—During service Tuesday in the Methodist Mission church in Chinatown an explosion occurred and 60 or 70 Chinese converts and white people rushed for the street with the building tumbling about their heads. All escaped serious injury. It was found that a bomb had been exploded by a slow fuse underneath the church, and the police are on the track of Chinese suspects. The explosion is supposed to be the work of Chinese highbinders who hoped to kill seven mission women and the preacher, Rev. Gardner, who married a Chinese woman and learned many secrets of the highbinders through his wife's relatives.

Twelve months ago he disclosed a plot by which several Chinese were to be murdered and the highbinders then sent him notice that he was marked for death. The seven Methodist women were instrumental in having the Chinese girl slaves of prominent Chinese taken from their masters and placed in the Methodist home, where they were taught English and Christianity. Eighteen of the rescued girls were in the church at the time of the explosion.

A CORKSCREW BOAT.

Brooklyn Man Claims Great Things for His Invention.

New York, Dec. 29.—James Gresham, of Brooklyn, has found capital to demonstrate the commercial value of his corkscrew boat for which is anticipated a speed of 50 miles an hour. A syndicate of New York capitalists has agreed to furnish \$50,000 to build a small boat on the corkscrew plan, with the further understanding that if it demonstrates its ability on a commercial scale to approximate the speed which the models have reached, the syndicate will furnish sufficient capital to build a small boat. The inventor promises that his craft will cross the Atlantic in less than three days.

The vessel, the construction of which is being arranged for at the Newport News shipyard, is not intended for passenger service, but only for the conveyance of mail and fast freight and for use at life saving stations. It is so constructed that it can penetrate the surf or the waves of the roughest weather. The boat is cylindrical in shape, with a serpentine flange like a corkscrew extending from bow to stern, and the outer shell revolves through the water, while the inner compartment maintains its equipoise.

ANOTHER VICTORY.

Americans Completely Route the Insurgents in a Battle.

Manila, Dec. 28.—Col. Lockett, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, attacked Wednesday morning a strong force of insurgents entrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy was completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills amid which they fled in every direction. Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisting of the 46th volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and artillery, Col. Lockett commanding in person. The rest of the command operated from remote points in an endeavor to carry out Col. Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the mountainous country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully.

TEST OF ARMOR PLATE.

Part of the Defensive Outfit of a Russian Battleship Stands a Severe Trial.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In the presence of officials of the Russian government, several United States naval officers and representatives of the Carnegie Steel Co. an eight-inch Krupp plate, a part of a lot of armor intended for the Russian battleship Retvisan, now being built at the Cramp shipyard, was tested yesterday at the Indian Head proving ground. The plate was 190 inches long, 93 inches wide, eight inches thick and curved. The gun used in making the test was an eight-inch rifle, the projectiles being armor piercing shells 250 pounds each in weight. The striking velocity was 1,780 feet per second. Four shots were fired at the corners of a 28-inch square drawn in the center of the plate. The striking velocity was 1,837 feet per second for the first shot, 1,791 for the second, 1,815 for the third and 1,834 for the fourth. The penetration attained by the shells ranged from 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 inches. The plate did not crack under the test and was very little injured.

Shot by a Collector.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Samuel Mills, a collector for an installment house, attempted yesterday to seize furniture in the house of Mary Venable for a small debt. The woman attempted to prevent it, and in the struggle that ensued Mills shot the woman and her little son and daughter, all seriously.

Seal Herds Diminished.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Attention to the Bering Sea controversy between the United States and Great Britain has been renewed by the report of Mr. John M. Morton, the United States agent on the Seal Islands, who has come on to submit his report and confer with the authorities. The essential point of the report is that the seal herds have diminished 20 per cent. within the last year. When the Bering Sea negotiations were on last year the main contention of the American authorities was that the herds were being so diminished by poaching that the animal would soon become extinct.

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